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8. Where is the Trenton Avenue Christian Center?
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This is all the more encouraging in that October thus resumes its place in the upward procession. So the score now stands at 64 months up and 2 months down.

The big subscription months are upon us. Between November 1st and March 1st approximately 15,000 annual subscriptions will expire. Will all be renewed? That is a question of serious importance to MISSIONS. If your subscription expires during this period, you know what you can do to help maintain this upward trend.

LETTERS

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Almost always I have appreciated your good judgment in the things you publish in MISSIONS. But I think you "slipped a cog" when you wrote the editorial about Mormonism. Personally I still feel that it was unfortunate that the Northern Baptist Convention decided not to meet here. The Mormons believe that they are the biggest denomination on earth. I wanted to see them convinced of the strength of Baptists. The meeting of the Convention here could have done that. In regard to the Mormon Relief Program, which you praised, I have serious doubts that it is as good as advertised. As far as it goes it is commendable, and we should appreciate worthwhile effort by any group. Yet in spite of all the publicity that there are no Mormons on public relief, *The Salt Lake Tribune* recently stated that government support of old people and children in Utah, in proportion to population, was the second highest in the United States. We are just begin-

ning to see something of the industries by which the Mormon Church proposes to take its people off relief. Some of us fear this development will "squeeze out" Gentiles in the same line of business and will intensify the differences between the two groups. Nevertheless this is a challenging field in which to work. It is my opinion that our work is driving the Mormon Church to reform itself.—*Rev. A. W. Lyons, Salt Lake City, Utah.*



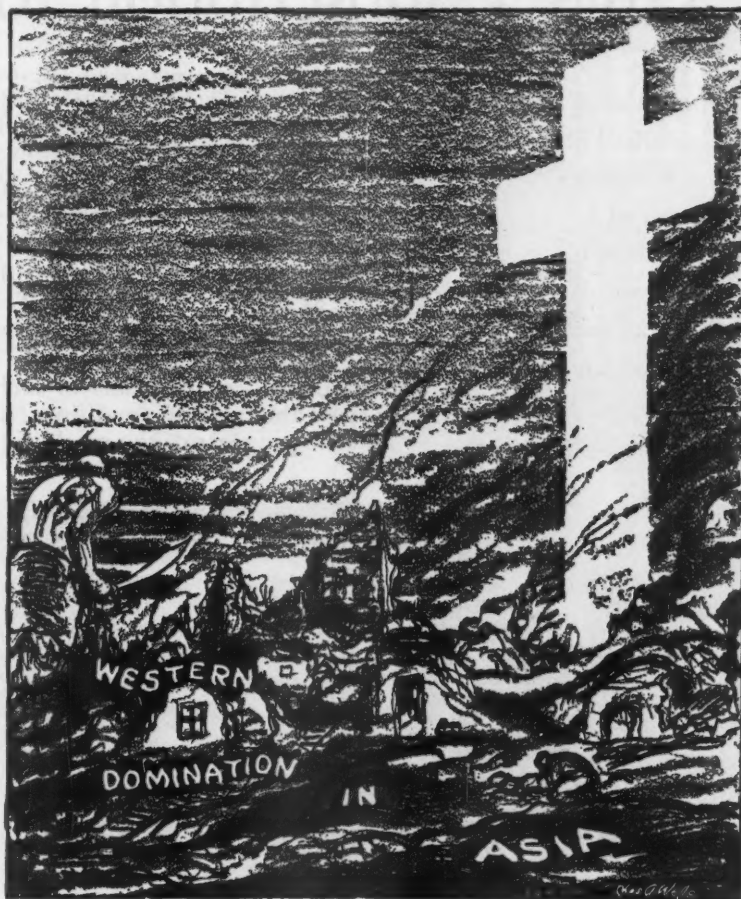
Is it too late to refer to your editorial, "Who Taught All This to Japan?" The thought of it still rankles. Some years ago you visited our city of Shaoxing, in Chekiang Province. Had you revisited us this year you could have watched four Japanese planes, as I did, circle about our city and could have seen one dive lower. You would have heard its machine gun deal out death to defenceless citizens. Ten were killed and twenty wounded on that bright Sunday morning. On my way to church I saw one of the wounded being carried to our Christian Hospital. This one happening answers your editorial. Who taught them these things anyway? The Christian missionary enterprise and all philanthropic and forward movements are still showing the Japanese the better way. But if they choose instead, as the pattern of their conduct, the few incidents of which we are ashamed, such as Sherman's march to the sea, at least let us not condone such choice.—*Augustus I. Nasmith, Shanghai, China.*



I am glad that you published Dr. Bretthauer's letter calling attention to the fact that this is Christianity's supreme opportunity in China and that our support for our missions there should be increased rather than decreased. There are also many people who are saying, "I will not give a cent for anything in Japan." There never was a time when Japan needed Christianity so much as today. If Christianity had gone to Japan effectively several hundred years ago Japan would not be doing what she is doing in China now. There are no circumstances that lessen the necessity for
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Still Standing!

CARTOON NUMBER 54 BY CHARLES A. WELLS



SHRAPNEL could not shatter it; air bombs could not blast it out of its foundations—the cross still stands in Asia.

The structures of western trade lie scattered among the ruins of a hundred cities. But that is not true of Christian love in Asia. A bomb strikes a church and a little later a hundred eager hands quickly venture out to restore it. A battle engulfs a Christian college, but students calmly move across the town and classes are resumed in an empty warehouse before the day is over. When the battle is past, a holiday is declared and the buildings are repaired in a hardy, ready fashion. With few exceptions the Christian hospital has been respected by friend and enemy, a haven of healing for all.

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THIS PICTURE was taken just a year ago in Huchow, East China. These happy Chinese children were attending the Baptist Mission Sunday School. Where are they now?



TODAY great sections of the city of Huchow and vast areas throughout China are in ruins. Huchow has been bombed. Thousands of innocent men, women and children in China are suffering unspeakable hardships. They are sick, hungry, cold and homeless. Refugee camps are filled and multitudes have no place to stay.

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MADRAS

The world missionary conference will meet here December 13-30, 1938. See editorial, "Christmas in Madras," on following page

Christianity is holding its most representative ecumenical missionary convention in one of the strongholds of Hinduism. Below is a picture of one of Hinduism's many temples in Madras. At the right is an airplane view of the campus of the Madras Christian College which will house 450 delegates who are coming from practically every land on earth

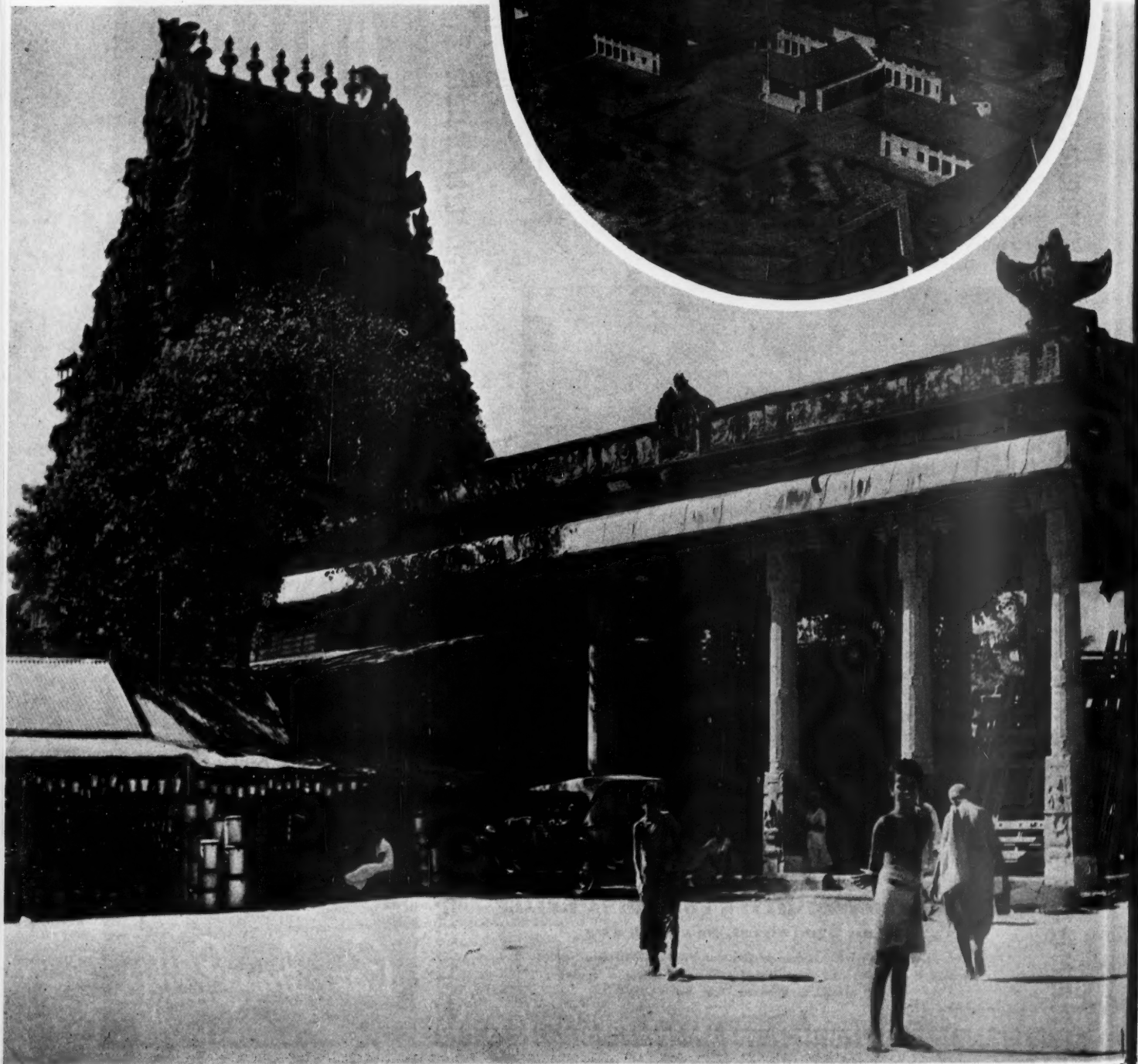
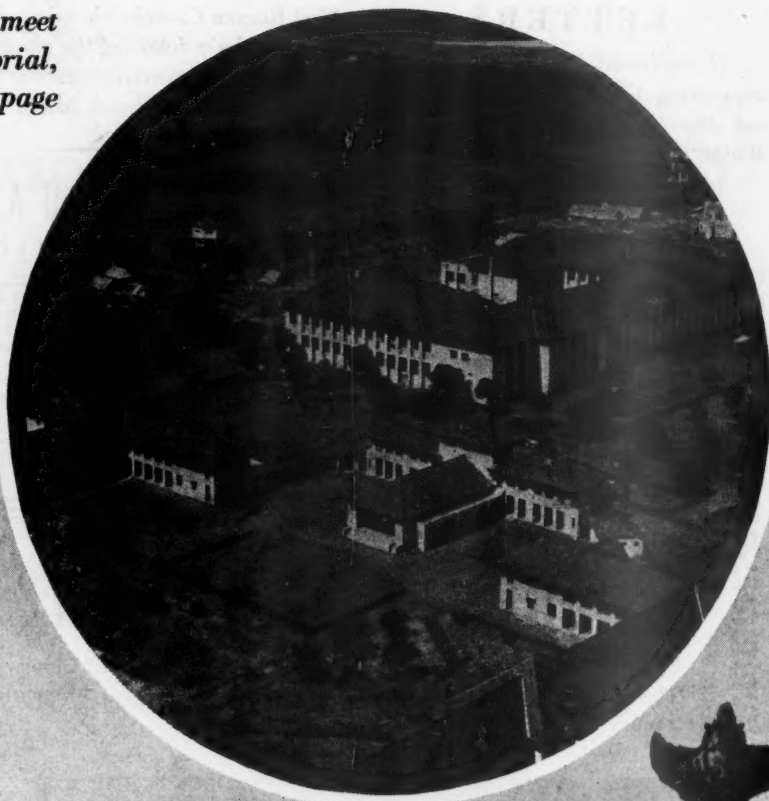


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Christmas in Madras



O Christmas Eve celebration anywhere on earth this year will be comparable to that in Madras.

What imagination can visualize its impressiveness, its cosmopolitanism, its dramatic significance for the world fellowship of Christianity? From December 13th and continuing for two weeks, all the races of men, represented by 450 delegates from 70 nations, will assemble in a world missionary conference. It is the most representative body of Protestant Christians ever assembled in one place. It is meeting after three years of elaborate preparations and a year of paralyzing uncertainty. It was originally scheduled for Hangchow. The war in China compelled its transfer to Madras. As late as September 30th, when half of the delegates were on the way, cablegrams were prepared for cancelling it if the Czechoslovak crisis had plunged the world into war. Never has a missionary conference made plans amid such agonizing doubt and fear.

Timely and challenging are the five major program topics. (1) **THE FAITH BY WHICH THE CHURCH LIVES.** A new statement of that faith, applicable to our time, is surely needed. (2) **THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH.** When has the world needed a positive witness of the church more than today? (3) **THE INNER LIFE OF THE CHURCH.** Without a vitalizing renewal of its inner life to furnish motivating power for its outreach and service, what church can meet the spiritual needs of our destitute world? (4) **THE CHURCH AND ITS ENVIRONMENT.** Everywhere class, racial, and national barriers are dividing men one from another. No problem today is more urgent than that of the church and the social, economic, national, and international order. (5) **COOPERATION AND UNITY.** The forces of paganism are too strong for a di-

vided church. "It is tragic," said Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell in a sermon in New York's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, "that in the presence of a broken and bleeding world the church of Christ is itself divided, unable to speak that word that shall minister to the healing of the nations."

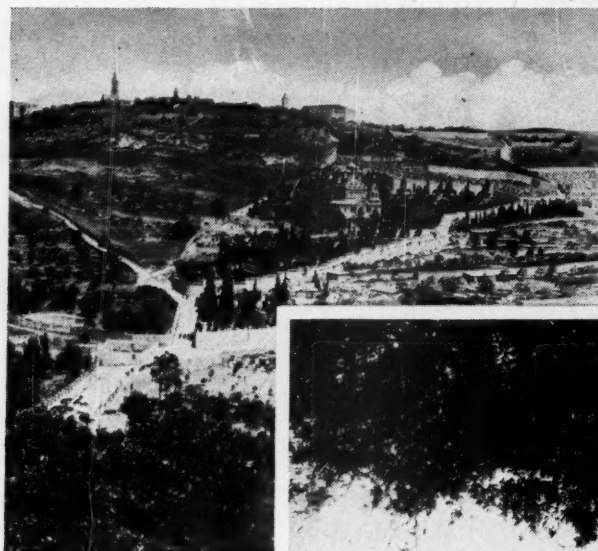
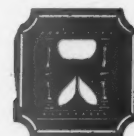
What can be expected from the Madras conference? It should typify the unshakable reality of the world fellowship of Christianity that transcends all divisions of race, class or nation. It should demonstrate the church as the only integrating agency holding the world together. Everything else is tearing it apart. It should furnish a new appeal to replace the outworn challenge of "foreign missions." The geography of home and foreign missions is gone. There are no "far lands." The steamship, the railroad, the airplane, and the radio have eliminated them. Now every land on earth is close at hand. And with devastating realism we see that paganism is no longer identified with lands across the seas. It flourishes in Bombay and New York, in Tokyo and Berlin. In place of "foreign missions," Madras should project a glorious vision of *the world mission of the world church*. Finally, it should stimulate Christians everywhere anew to recover their waning loyalty to the primary purpose of the church. It still is, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." With new daring the church must proclaim the redemptive purpose of Christ. With superb faith it must challenge the victorious march of today's ideologies that demand the allegiance of men. They also are making disciples of all the nations.

Our world is in the pangs of death. Only the reviving power of the Christian gospel can save it. For that the Madras conference has been assembled. To that it now summons the church.

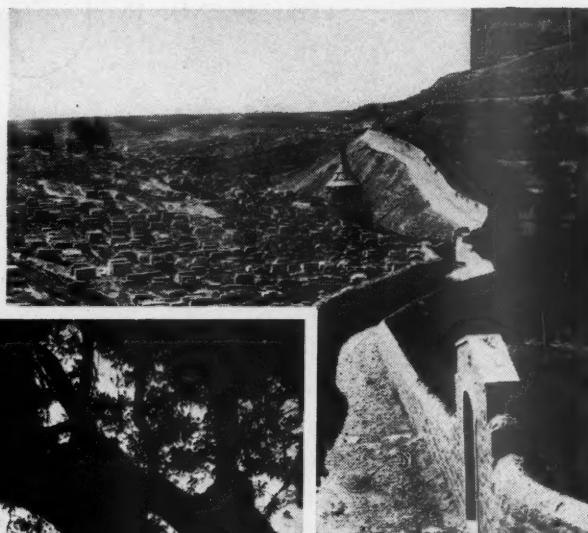


The World Today

Current Events of Missionary Interest



ABOVE: The Mount of Olives, showing the path between Bethlehem and Jerusalem
RIGHT: Jerusalem as seen from the Mount of Olives



ABOVE: The narrow pathway, bordered by a rocky wall, along the warm, sunny slope of the Mount of Olives. At the left is an old Jewish cemetery



Photographs by courtesy of The Christian Advocate

England's Thankless Task in Palestine

FINDING it impossible to satisfy both Arabs and Jews with the partition of Palestine, as proposed a year ago (*see MISSIONS, December, 1937, page 584*), the British Government is expected soon to offer another plan for settling the issue. The British Commissioner flew to London immediately after the Munich Conference had sealed the fate of Czechoslovakia. He returned empowered to adopt far more rigorous measures to suppress the rising Arab revolt. Week by week more British troops arrived until more than 25,000 soldiers, equipped with planes, tanks and artillery are now in the so-called Holy Land. Late in October all Palestine was put under martial law. Business is now at a standstill. Economic depression is widespread. Tourists are avoiding the land. Terror and insecurity reign everywhere.

The Jews, worried over rumors that Jewish immigration was to be terminated, in violation of the

Balfour Agreement, brought pressure to bear on both London and Washington. A Jewish delegation called on Secretary of State Hull and reminded him that England was obligated not to change the mandate status of Palestine without the approval of the United States.

The Arabs, fearful that the promise made to them would be nullified by continued Jewish immigration, are now in open conflict. For many weeks there have been bombings, assassinations, sabotaging of railroads, mining of automobile highways, disruption of telephone and telegraph lines, and seizure of villages. The Arabs are alleged to have murdered more than 800 Jews since August and to have wounded more than 1,000 others.

Demands of the Arabs specifically include:

1. Immediate cessation of all Jewish immigration.
2. Prohibition of further sale of land to Jews.
3. Abandonment of the plan for a Jewish national home.
4. Termination of the British Mandate.
5. An Arab sovereign state of Palestine with Jews and British having only minority rights.

Obviously for both Jews and British these are impossible terms. And they place England in an impossible position. To yield means to incur the enmity of world Jewry and to scuttle British prestige and influence throughout the Near East. To refuse may well mean rebellion throughout the Mohammedan world that would have disastrous consequences in India. And back of these considerations remains the inescapable fact that England needs Palestine as a base in the Mediterranean Sea to protect the British Empire.

Truth is sometimes spoken in jest. And facetiousness often reveals concealed alarm. Thus when Senator Robert F. Wagner urged the United States to do something more than merely protest any proposed restriction of Jewish immigration, *The London News*, as reported in *The New York Times*, said,

The United States can do something more. It can ask the League of Nations to transfer the Palestine mandate to the United States; hand it over tied up in blue ribbon and with a courteous vote of thanks for favors bestowed. Meanwhile Britain and not America, is saddled with the thankless job of administering the mandate.

The imagination palls at the thought this year of associating Palestine, birthplace of the Prince of Peace, with a Merry Christmas.

Church and State in Rumania in an Unbeatable Combination

UP TO the time this issue went to press, no news had come from Rumania indicating any disposition on the part of the Prime Minister-Patriarch to annul Ministerial Decree No. 26208 which on December 15th will practically annihilate the Baptist movement in that country. If it becomes fully effective (see MISSIONS, November, 1938, pages 519 and 536), it will not only close 95 per cent of the Baptist churches, but in persecution of religious minorities it will also place Rumania in the same class with communist Russia. The decree is a masterpiece of its kind.

In a recent issue of *The Baptist Times* of London, Dr. Everett Gill, Southern Baptist representative in Europe, points out that,

The 70,000 Rumanian Baptists are not, as some would assert, disciples of foreign interlopers, nor are they products of foreign propaganda. They are an indigenous body. To claim, as their enemies do, that they are communists and are disloyal to the State is pure and considered calumny, a slander for foreign consumption. No one in Rumania really believes it. And the tragedy is that the *Rumanian Orthodox State Church* must bear the full

blame for this anachronistic persecution and yet it claims to be the Body of Christ on earth! The decree is signed by "His Holiness Nicolae Colan" under the Premiership of Patriarch Cristea. It is a case of pure ecclesiastical persecution under the old pagan claim of patriotism.

Rumania needs to be reminded of what happened during the World War. Speedily crushed by Germany and forced to sign an ignominious treaty, Rumania was later rescued by the Allies from becoming practically a province of Germany. Thus Rumania emerged at Versailles enormously enlarged and enriched, joined the League of Nations, and signed the treaties which gave full religious freedom to minorities. Of all the so-called "succession states" who signed those treaties, Rumania alone has broken her word.

Numerous protests have been filed with the Rumanian Ambassadors in London and in Washington. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has sent a formal protest to the Patriarch himself. Baptist Conventions in various parts of the world have passed resolutions. The American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities has likewise protested.

If all protests are disregarded and December 15th marks FINIS to the Baptist movement in Rumania, it should not be surprising. When the same man is Patriarch of the State Church and Prime Minister of the State, religious liberty faces a well-nigh unbeatable combination.

New York Jews Worship in Presbyterian Church

INDICATIVE of the growing spirit of brotherhood between Christians and Jews was the decision of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of New York to loan its auditorium to the newly organized Brith Sholom Jewish congregation. For several months it had been worshipping in a private apartment. By this generous action the Jews had a suitable auditorium at their disposal for their High Holy Day and New Year services September 26-27 and October 4-5. "It is refreshing and reassuring," said Rabbi Schulman, "thus to see a break in the dark clouds of prejudice." Such action by a Christian church would be unthinkable in Germany or Poland or other lands where anti-Semitism is strong. Ten years ago, a similar courtesy was extended by New York Jews to New York Baptists when for nearly a year the Park Avenue Baptist church worshipped in a 5th Avenue synagogue while its present edifice was being erected on Riverside Drive.

REMARKABLE REMARKS, usually appearing on this page, because of space limitation are transferred temporarily to page 594

The Balance Sheet of Hitlerism

Impressions of a brief summer visit to Germany

By WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD



THERE are not enough hotels to accommodate the tourists who come each summer to Bayreuth for the Wagner music festival. So it happened that I was accommodated in a comfortable private home within walking distance of the opera house. After a magnificent performance of Wagner's immortal *Tristan und Isolde*, and still under the spell of its ageless music, I wended my way to my lodgings and retired for the night. The next morning I asked my hostess to telephone for a taxicab to take me to the station. She did so. After giving the taxi company explicit directions about reaching the house, she closed the telephone call by saying in a tone of exaltation, "Heil Hitler," and hung up the receiver. In due time the taxi appeared. On the way to the railroad station I had the cab stop at the little cemetery where Richard Wagner lies buried so that I could for a moment stand beside his flower bedecked tomb. A German woman stood at the grave. A bouquet of flowers was in her hand. I noticed that she was weeping. Quite likely she also had attended the performance on the preceding evening. And now, like myself, she was paying silent tribute to the creative genius that had given humanity its sublimest music.

As I taxied to the station and resumed my railroad journey through Germany, I realized that within half an hour of time, here in Bayreuth, typified by these two women, I had seen two Germanys. One was the Germany of flowers, the other the Germany of swastikas. The woman at the grave symbolized the Germany of yesterday, the Germany of great music, art, literature and philosophy, of scientific achievement and industrial expansion, the Germany that all the world knew and admired before the great war. The



Germany knows how to decorate on festive occasions. Here is a pillar in honor of Regent Horthy of Hungary who visited Germany late in August.

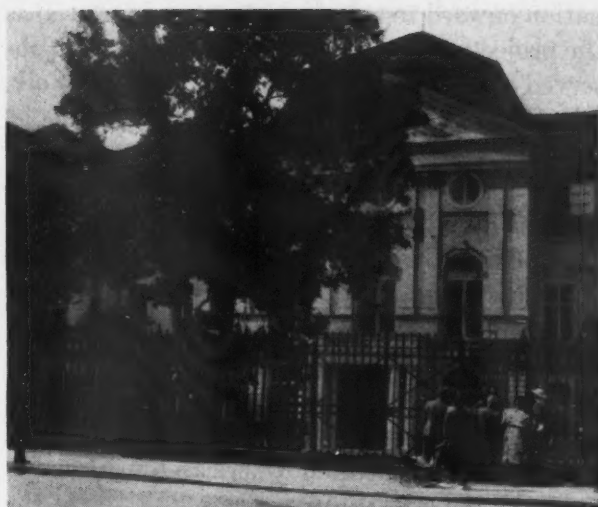
other woman symbolized the Germany of today, the Germany of flags, banners, and swastikas, of marching youth, of Aryan race pride and oppression, of strange ideologies and concentration camps, of resurgent nationalism, culminating in the deification of a man whom Germans everywhere refer to reverently as *Der Führer*, the Germany that the world now views with anxiety and fear. The woman at the grave represented the Germany that somehow survived the war and is today struggling for its existence. The woman at the telephone typified the Germany that was born of the war. Like an unwanted foundling it was nursed by the Versailles Treaty. Like a wayward child it was neglected and humiliated by France and England, treated unfairly until out of sheer desperation Hitlerism became inevitable.

And the great question of world concern today is which of these two Germanys will eventually predominate.

At the present time there can be no doubt about the reality of the Germany of Hitlerism. Crossing the border between Liechtenstein and Germany at Feldkirch, the first greeting was that of the railroad conductor who opened the door of my train compartment. Before asking for my ticket, he saluted, "Heil Hitler." Along the railroad through Austria (now Germany) farmers had painted the same greeting in huge letters on the roofs of their barns. Over the entrance to shops the same greeting welcomed the incoming purchaser. In Vienna the hotel clerk heiled Hitler before asking me as a guest to register. The waiter in the side-walk coffee café did likewise. Late in August while Eger was still Czechoslovakia, youths on the streets greeted one another with the Hitler salute. An enormous portrait of Hitler was on the wall of the German waiting room in the Eger railroad station. Customs examiners first greeted the traveler and then examined his baggage. In Marktredwitz I purchased some souvenir postcards from an aged woman shopkeeper. Here for many years the custom had been to greet the stranger with, "Grüss Gott." From habit she did so to me. Then with marked consternation, fearing perhaps that I was a secret police officer, she quickly added the new salute, "Heil Hitler." And so I could go on indefinitely. Throughout Germany, other train conductors,



Soldiers passing the war memorial in Berlin. Inside is the tomb of Germany's Unknown Soldier



The residence of Chancellor Hitler in Berlin. All day people stand and gaze at it in reverence

other restaurant and hotel waiters, clerks in department stores, telegraph and telephone operators everywhere, greeted me at all hours of day or night, "Heil Hitler." One morning in Berlin I failed to notice a red traffic light and walked out into the famous street, *Unter den Linden*. Instantly the traffic officer at the corner signalled all traffic to stop so as to protect me. Then he came to where I was standing in the middle of the street. Visions of a concentration camp harassed my soul. But instead of bawling me out as an American cop would have done, he courteously explained to me the significance of the red light. Then realizing that I was a stranger he escorted me to the opposite side and gave the signal for the traffic to proceed. As I thanked him for his consideration, he clicked his heels, raised his right arm and said, "Heil Hitler." Imagine that at Times Square in New York!

Multiply such incidents by the hundreds, talk with the people and note their adulation and enthusiasm, read the newspapers, even with full allowance for censorship control, observe the marching youth of the Hitler Jugend, see the great construction activities, travel in the crowded trains, study the masterly propaganda in the news reels of the movies, and in various other ways sense the present temper and tempo of German life, and the conclusion is inevitable. Germany is in the grip of Hitlerism, a strange, vast, irresistible movement that now in its 6th year is majestically, relentlessly sweeping the

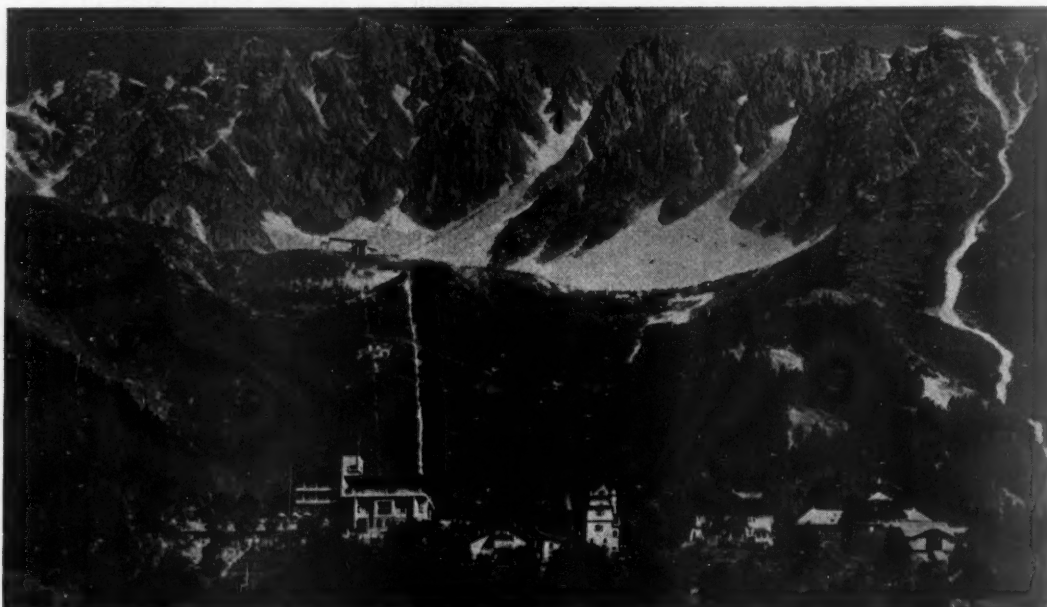
nation onward to a destiny as yet unknown. It is the projection, the materialization of a motto observed frequently throughout the land, *Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Führer*. It means, "One people, one nation, one leader."

Nevertheless, let no one imagine that there is 100 per cent loyalty to Hitlerism or to Hitler's leadership. Loyalty among the young people is doubtless genuine, spontaneous, fervid and sincere. Among older people enthusiasm is perhaps perfunctory, the loyalty perhaps luke-warm, and allegiance is conditioned by mental reservations. Let no person assume that there is no opposition, for there is. Although no American tourist would have the temerity to investigate and verify the story of the man who wanted to kill Hitler, as published some months ago in *The Saturday Evening Post*, such underground organizations as were described in that story probably exist. Radio stations that the secret police are anxious to discover, operate on short waves and periodically broadcast opposition propaganda. Last year 14,823 cases of secretly printed anti-Nazi literature were seized by the customs authorities. There were 27,717 confiscations of prohibited and suspected publications, while all cases totalled 120,286 according to *Nofrontier News Service*. Such opposition activities are still too feeble to have ominous significance, yet they are enough to make the authorities nervous.

Perhaps the reality of dissatisfaction or opposition among the people is best seen in the various jokes and funny stories going the rounds. Space prevents telling more than four.

Down in Austria the people are said to have been disappointed over the union with Germany. Three reasons are cited: (1), because of the loss of what little freedom they still had; (2), because of the influx of German officials (a phenomenon similar to the Northern carpet bag influx into the South after the Civil War); (3), because of Nazi opposition to the Church; and (4), because of the currency conversion of Austrian shillings into German marks. So the story is told that the German war gas ministry in Berlin received an emergency order for 7,000,000 gas masks to replace those previously sent to Vienna for the Austrians. The official angrily demanded the reason. The people had been so disillusioned, was the reply, that all had grown long faces. Not a single gas mask could be made to fit!

One afternoon while walking with a German along *Unter den Linden* in Berlin, I was discussing the food situation, the scarcity of fresh fruit and the restrictions on the sale of butter. "We have several funny stories about our food situation," said the German. "You see all the pillars on this street and the big Prussian eagle on top of each. Soon, we are told, the eagle will come down and a kangaroo will take his place as the nation's



Majestic mountain scenery at Innsbruck, Austria. The merger of Austria and Germany has again made it possible for Germans to flock here in multitudes for summer and winter vacations



Unter den Linden in Berlin. Note the pillars in honor of Regent Horthy of Hungary, and the eagles at the top

emblem. The reason is that the kangaroo can jump farther on an empty stomach."

The story of the old army veteran is particularly significant. A man claiming to be a war veteran was capitalizing that and everywhere was securing free lodging, free meals, free clothing, free transportation, etc. Finally the authorities hauled him in and demanded to know when and where he had fought and how he came to be a veteran. "Don't you know?" asked the veteran. "I have been fighting against the Nazi movement from the beginning, ever since Hitler came to power in 1933." Thus the fictitious veteran is made to express vicariously the opposition that the narrator himself feels but dares not reveal.

Against the background of this brief picture of what is going on in Germany it will be in order now to summarize the achievements of Hitlerism and likewise its defects. In other words, there is a balance sheet with assets and liabilities. Both need to be considered in a correct appraisal.

Looking back over last summer's tour of Germany, seven achievements may rightly be credited to the Hitler regime.

1. There is unquestionably a new political unity, one might almost say a complete unification in Germany. Gone are the former provincial boundary lines and the days when men were Prussians or Bavarians or Westphalians. All are now Germans. Moreover the union with Austria, the return of the Saar, and the recent acquisition of the Sudeten German section of Czechoslovakia has united the people, unified the nation, expanded the area and enlarged the population of Germany beyond the wildest dreams of the for-

mer Kaiser. In 1914 Germany had an area of 208,830 square miles and a population of 67,800,000. The Versailles Peace reduced that to 186,627 square miles with a population of 59,800,000. Today Germany's area is 214,068 square miles, while nearly 80,000,000 people now look to Adolf Hitler as *Der Führer* and the saviour of the nation.

2. Germany today is a land of law and order. Kidnaping, gangsterism, racketeering, bootlegging, these and other phases of lawlessness in American cities are unknown. The tourist has here a feeling of security that he experiences in very few other areas on earth. While I was traveling by auto from Bremen to Bremerhaven, a distance of 40 miles, suddenly two traffic police appeared in the middle of the highway and ordered the car to stop. My fears of having somewhere broken the law promptly faded away when I learned that all the police wanted was to inspect the brakes, tires, steering mechanism, ignition, and gas tank of the car, and to see the chauffeur's license! Here was law, order, security! Unfortunately events in November seem to indicate that security does not include the Jew.

3. Germany stands as a bulwark against the spread of atheistic communism from Russia. The unhappy dismemberment of Czechoslovakia was partly due to the Czech alliance with Russia and the fear in Germany that such alliance would inevitably have brought communism to the very borders of Germany. Two subjects can always be depended upon to arouse the ire of Hitler. One is the Jew and the other is Russian communism. And it has been alleged that the conservative, capitalistic class in England quietly approves the growing strength of Germany as a protection against the spread of communism across Europe into France and eventually into England. After five years of relentless effort communism in Germany has been thoroughly uprooted. What little communism still remains is kept under cover.

4. Germany today has no unemployment. By contrast there is actually a scarcity of laborers. Last April there were only 423,000 registered unemployed in Germany. Most of them for physical and mental reasons were really unemployable. Compare that with the 6,500,000 German unemployed in 1932 or with the 4,000,000 still unemployed after Hitler had been in power one year,

or with the 10,000,000 unemployed in America, and the measure of recovery can be appreciated. Last summer with the need of harvest workers, there were 310,000 more jobs available than laborers. So serious is the shortage that the government program for women, *Küche, Kinder, Kirche*, "kitchen, children, and church," has had to be modified. Women are again permitted to resume gainful occupations. Moreover, according to the International Labor Office in Geneva, there were 3,740 industrial strikes in the United States in 1937 involving 1,860,621 workers and a loss of 28,424,994 working days. There were none in Germany.

5. Hitler has cancelled the iniquity of the Versailles Treaty of Peace. The whole world now admits that this was not a treaty of magnanimity to an honorably defeated foe but a treaty of enduring hatred; not a treaty of justice but of vengeance. And although public men on both sides of the Atlantic, like Lloyd George, President Nicholas Murray Butler, Senator W. E. Borah, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and many others, have repeatedly denounced the Versailles Treaty as being responsible for most of the disastrous events of the past 20 years, it remained for Hitler to speak and to act. Indeed the Versailles Treaty created Hitler, gave him his chance, lifted him out of the obscurity of a Munich jail and placed him in a position of power such as few men in history have ever held. I believe it was Ramsay MacDonald who is reported to have said, "Hitler is the gift of the Allies to Germany."

6. Hitler has exposed the international disarmament hypocrisy. Five years ago, before he had

achieved even a fraction of the power he now wields, he offered the rest of the world a program in disarmament. He promised to keep the German army within a limit of 200,000 men, and to scrap every machine gun and every weapon of offense, as evidence of his pacific intentions. The other nations declined to cooperate. They called a conference to which Germany was not invited as an equal. Having agreed among themselves on their own program, they then invited Germany to come in and politely acquiesce. Against such unparalleled hypocrisy Germany protested and withdrew from the League of Nations.

7. Lastly on the credit side, Hitler has given Germany a new spirit. For 15 years, from 1918 to 1933, the German people suffered from a national inferiority complex. No man can adequately appreciate what anguish of soul this meant for a people once proud, strong, cultured and respected. To be plunged from the pinnacle of world esteem into the bottomless pit of world disdain, to be regarded as a pariah among the nations of the world, to be menaced by communism, crushed beneath impossible reparations, ruined by inflation, well nigh broke the morale and spirit of the German people. Hitlerism in five short years has changed all that. Once again a German is proud to be a German. That is perhaps Hitler's mightiest achievement, the greatest single credit item in his balance sheet.

Unfortunately for Germany and the world there are overwhelming liabilities that must be reckoned with. Again I can only summarize. Space limitation prevents more than briefest mention.

1. Germany is in the grip of militarism. Completely disarmed at the close of the war 20 years ago and completely disarmed as late as 1933, now under a strenuous five year armament program the nation is again committed to the Napoleonic principle that God is on the side of the heaviest battalions. Germany is more heavily armed, has more men in military training, has a mightier air force than ever before. Regardless of the international disarmament hypocrisy of our time as being responsible for it, militarism rules Germany.

2. Freedom has taken wings and flown away. Free speech, a free press, a free church such as Americans take for granted as unconcernedly as



The Bismarck Memorial and the Victory Column in Berlin. To make room for a vast plaza these and other immense statues are being taken down, stone by stone, and re-erected in another part of the Tiergarten

they do their breakfast bacon and eggs, are utterly unknown in Germany today. This state of affairs is not confined to Germany. It is characteristic of all the dictatorship countries. Beginning with Japan, then across Siberia and Russia, in Poland and Germany, down to the Balkans and in Italy and Spain, throughout this vast area men have lost their liberty. More than 500,000,000 people today hear or read or see only what their governments permit. In all of these lands, for a man to make a speech criticizing the government or voicing the sentiment of internationalism would be a sure way to suicide.

3. Hitlerism has brought a reign of terror and oppression that outside of Russia has had no parallel in modern times. It could not be otherwise. Dictatorship can exist only by crushing all opposition. Naturally a German dares not be anything but pro-Hitler. If he is discovered to be otherwise he ends his days in a concentration camp. This institution is well named, for it means a "concentration" of rigorous, barbaric punishment. And the hand of oppression has fallen most grievously upon the Jew. The long, terrible, heart-rending story of five years of brutal anti-Semitism in Germany is too well known to be repeated here. Charged with being communistic, anti-Nazi, anti-German, a degenerating influence in the theatre, the movies, the press, holding professional positions numerically far more than proportionately his population warranted, the Jew has been made the victim of a cruel campaign of extermination. The better class Germans are deeply sensitive over this anti-Semitism. They apologize for it, attempt to explain it and try to minimize its terrors and brutality. Yet neither explanation nor apology can remove the grim facts that the Jew, with systematic, calculated efficiency, is being eliminated.

4. Hitlerism has undermined confidence in international cooperation. The League of Nations no longer makes the front page of the newspapers. Collective security, for which the whole world sighed during that agonizing final year of the World War, is still a mirage. For Germany it is only a fantastic dream. Germany now puts her trust not in international cooperation or collective security or a League of Nations, but solely in Germany and in an alliance with Italy. And the real strength of that has not yet been put to a

crucial test. Only a year ago England boastfully said that England's frontier was on the Rhine. Today, following the events of September, it has been pushed back again to the English Channel.

5. Hitlerism has seized control of education and is fashioning a Nazi generation. Through control of schools from primary grades to universities, through Dr. Goebbels' masterly propaganda, censorship of radio broadcasts, the press, and the production of literature, all the avenues to the human mind, 80,000,000 Germans are being educated according to a uniform pattern. A single illustration will suffice to indicate what is going on. At Heidelberg University for many years a statue of the Greek goddess of wisdom and truth had stood over the front door of the building erected as a gift from the late President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell University and former U. S. Ambassador to Germany. Under the statute had been inscribed the words, "Dedicated to the spirit of truth." Just before the university's 550th anniversary celebration the government education department ordered the statue transferred to the rear of the building and placed over

BELOW: *The statue of the goddess of wisdom and truth as it now appears over the rear door of the University of Heidelberg*



ABOVE: *The Prussian Eagle and below the windows the inscription ZUM DEUTSCHEN GEIST. This replaced the statue of the goddess*

the back door. The inscription was completely obliterated and not replaced. Over the front door was placed a huge Prussian eagle with outstretched wings and a new inscription, "Dedicated to the German spirit." The university janitor doubtless still wonders why I photographed it. There could be no better example of what Hitlerism considers to be the purpose of education.

6. And as most Christians in America well know, Hitlerism has attempted to control the Christian church. Having discovered early in the Nazi regime that a merger of Catholicism and Protestantism into a new German National Church was impossible, the government policy since then has apparently been to defy the Catholic Church and to weaken the Protestant Church. Today, Pastor Niemüller in his concentration camp is the symbol of the conflict between church and state. Of course, religion in Germany still has a measure of freedom if by freedom is meant the privilege of attending church. There are no obstacles to church attendance. And while the Hitler Jugend activities on Sundays interfere with Sunday school, any parent who has the courage may protest and insist that on Sundays the Hitler Jugend has no claim on his children. How many parents exercise that right is uncertain. And as for preaching, it is largely limited to exhortations to individual piety, moral character, good works, charity, and other aspects of personal religion. Social justice, national righteousness, the great issues of war and race prejudice, the Kingdom of God in all its implications for our time, are matters that Nazism lifts out of the domain of the church and reserves as matters of concern only to the state. So we are witnessing in Germany a new phase of the long struggle of church and state, of national sovereignty in conflict with divine sovereignty, of loyalty to nation as against allegiance to God. Hitlerism is placing Germany in the position where people must choose between God and Caesar.

7. Although Hitlerism has given Germany a new spirit, it has been at the cost of Germany's soul. When a nation can no longer hear the music of Mendelssohn because Mendelssohn was a Jew; when people in their homes place roses and burn candles before Hitler's picture; when, as Dr. Everett R. Clinchy reports, "Women weep when he passes by and children get him mixed with

God"; when force is exalted and the doctrine of race becomes an obsession; when patriotism degenerates into nationalistic ecstasy through the four appeals of blood, soil, national honor and Germanism; when as in *The House That Hitler Built*, Mr. Stephen H. Roberts writes, "to serve Hitler is to serve Germany and to serve Germany is to serve God"; when such things take place in a nation, something is happening to its soul.

What then must be our conclusion? Setting the liabilities over against the assets, it seems clear that the liabilities exceed, outweigh, transcend and overwhelm them. Nevertheless, let us guard against pharisaical criticism. For this condition the United States as well as the rest of the world must assume its share of responsibility. America's refusal to enter the League of Nations, the stupid vengeance of Versailles, the failure of England and France to be more liberal and lenient with Germany during the struggling years of the German Republic, the crushing impossible reparations, the Ruhr invasion of 1923, the ruinous inflation, the failure of the disarmament conference—these and many other developments of the past 20 years have created, fostered and promoted what we see in Germany today. And while we cannot admit the contention of Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, as reported in *The New York Times*, we must accept his rebuke.

Nobody outside Germany has a right to concern himself with German domestic affairs, particularly those international apostles of humanitarianism who looked on for five years while the German nation was being raped.

Finally, making due allowance for all these considerations, there are two questions that concern the world and that ought to worry every German. In losing world esteem, in forfeiting national honor, in sacrificing primacy in culture, in surrendering pre-eminence in philosophy and science, in prostituting education and religion to nationalistic ends, and in gaining in exchange for these vast enlargement of territory, military power, economic prosperity, race pride, national might, is Germany selling her birthright for a mess of pottage?

The second question is even more pertinent. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? And the question applies to nations as well as to men.

Christmas In an Abandoned Hindu Temple



By CHARLES R. MANLEY, M.D.

It was not the problem of finding no room in the inn because the little jungle village had no inn. So the missionary and his family camped in an old abandoned Hindu temple and the village had its first Christmas

TRY to picture us camping in a little abandoned Hindu temple outside the village of Kutkoor, far out on the jungle edge of the Hanamakonda field. For us also there was "no place in the inn." No, for there was no inn in Kutkoor. Yet as we cleaned and swept the stone floor of that little temple and made down our beds on the fragrant rice straw which had been brought in, we could not help thinking of another couple who must have made the best of a somewhat similar situation on Christmas eve nearly 2,000 years ago.

And there was our little Christmas tree. We placed it in the center of the temple on the great circular stone where sacrifices were wont to be made. Of course, it was not an evergreen tree for

we do not have evergreen trees in India. So we had cut a limb from a tamarind tree. With a little arranging by Charles Junior and Chellie and their mother, it did mighty well. We had set out on our Christmas evangelistic tour knowing we would be somewhere in the jungle over Christmas. So we had brought along our candles and tinsel and a little basket of gayly wrapped presents. And I must say it was a very pretty tree the children and their mother decorated while I went out into the jungle to see if I could bag the Christmas goose. The goose turned out to be a young wild boar which, to my thinking, is far tastier and a more delicate morsel than any plattered goose.

Twilight fell and the temple's "lace work in stone" cut quaint patterns in the gold of the sunset sky, gradually blurring the voluptuous dancing girls carved in the stone, and the leering menace of hideous idols. Slowly, also, it softened the ugly line of the battlements surrounding the temple. Supper was served on the floor and eaten with our hands, Indian fashion, our little group of Christian workers filling out our family circle. And then under the twinkling lights of the little Christmas tree the Christmas story was read and a prayer of thanksgiving offered for the greatest and best of all Christmas gifts.

Curious faces peered at us through every aperture and opening in the temple walls. Slowly and after persistent coaxing, the crowd poured in until every corner was filled.

"Why do you have all those little lights on the tree?" they wanted to know. What a chance that gave us to tell them of the Light of the World.

And then the little star, that gleamed and glittered as the breeze moved and swayed it on its



A village temple in India. In an abandoned building like this the Manley family celebrated Christmas

spiral spring at the top of the tree, caught their attention.

"Why do you have the little gleaming thing way up there, above everything else?" That was our opportunity to tell them of the star that gleamed over Bethlehem. The story appealed in a special way to the Gola people. (They belong to the sheep herder caste.) Like the shepherds in the Gospel story they also were "keeping watch over their flocks by night," just outside our temple.

"And those little white packets all trimmed with green and red, in among the branches—what is in them, and why do you tie them to the tree like that?" (They were our Christmas gifts.) "And why do you give them away, *poornyah-naki*?" (The strange word means to gain merit, to balance against your misdeeds.) How gladly we told them of that most astonishing gift, the love which brought God to dwell among men.

And so it was. One group followed another and that group would in turn tell others, until we had lit and relit the little tree, oh, I do not know how many times. And it was half past two Christmas morning before we finally crept under our mosquito nets into our beds of straw on the floor. Tired! So tired I hardly had gumption to wake up and shoo away the wild cat that came later and was leaping aloft, trying vainly to get my Christmas boar from its perch high up in the dome of the temple. I am glad to say it was out

of reach of every four footed thing, unless, of course, you except the bats which flitted in and out and around all night long, but were satisfied with smaller game.

Christmas dawned bright and hot. We had family prayers, the old fashioned kind that seems to have gone out of fashion. Then came the distribution of presents. The same ring of pleased and smiling faces that greeted us when we first opened our eyes, augmented by scores of others, enjoyed every packet as it was opened almost as much, maybe even more, than the recipient. Then the morning medical clinic and the care of the sick and suffering—those that could be helped under such circumstances. Through the rest of the day there followed the usual missionary program—healing, teaching, preaching.

It was Kutkoo's first Christmas. Now a young evangelist and his wife are located there. And a little group of Christians rejoice with us in the song the angels sang over Bethlehem so many years ago. Christ means something to that village now.

Yet there are hundreds and thousands of villages who have no Christ and no Christmas and none to help them find that light and love and power that every man needs. May God open the hearts of those in America who have, that they may be mindful of those in India who have not, and remember those for whom Christmas has no meaning and the Star of Bethlehem no message.

Remarkable Remarks

HEARD OR REPORTED HERE AND THERE

A TOTALITARIAN STATE can feed the people but it cannot free the people.—*Mary Van Kleeck.*



YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO PRAY for the sins of Germany and Japan unless you pray also for the sins of the United States.—*Rev. Phillips P. Elliott.*



THE FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT of our time is not between democracy and dictatorship; it is between Christianity and Paganism.—*Canon F. R. Barry*, quoted in *The Baptist Times* of London.



TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE SCHEMING to get by instead of struggling to get ahead.—*Rev. R. W. Sockman.*

THERE IS NO INJUSTICE IN GOLD, but there can be injustice in its possessor. There is no greed in a machine, but there can be greed in a machinist.—*Postmaster General James A. Farley.*



WE OUTLAW NO RELIGION IN AMERICA except the religion of human hate.—*Stanley H. Howe*, secretary to New York City's Mayor F. H. La Guardia.



IT IS GOOD TO HAVE the things that money will buy; but the most important things are those that money cannot buy. You cannot buy a clear conscience, affection, spiritual power or hope in any market.—*Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick.*

All Arrived in Time for Christmas

More than 14,000 pounds of bandages, baby clothes, towels and other White Cross supplies, contributed by 7,000 women members of 139 Baptist churches in Southern California and Arizona and shipped to China, Burma and India, will arrive there this month just in time for Christmas distribution

FROM A NEWS STORY PUBLISHED IN *The Los Angeles Times*, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

THE old missionary barrel is gone. The Baptist White Cross now sends fresh goods to mission fields. Modern efficiency has permanently eliminated the old-fashioned missionary barrel. Instead of sending cast-off materials to the church workers in foreign fields, missionary societies are supplying new and fresh articles that are needed.

Piled high on tables around the large basement room of the First Baptist Church, Eighth and Westmoreland Streets, are 14,000 pounds of "what is needed," to be sent to China, Burma and India.

More than 7,000 contributors, members of 139 churches in Southern California and Arizona, are responsible for the supplies. Yesterday afternoon, 200 workers gathered at the church to inspect them and to hear a short program of speeches, telling of the work of collecting in this country and of their disposal across the Pacific. According to Mrs. Charles Allen, State director of Baptist White Cross work, members of the society work the year around, making clothing, sheets and other articles. They contribute cash for school and surgical supplies.

Each missionary sends to New York headquarters a list of needs. Lists are sent to various districts, and the supplies are prepared. These



AT THE LEFT: A display of packages sent to Baptist missionaries from Los Angeles by the White Cross. From left to right, Mrs. Charles Allen, California State Director of the White Cross, Mrs. Carl Giegoldt and Mrs. C. L. Schlinghof

AT THE RIGHT: Miss Marian Bib, a Chinese student in Los Angeles who assists in the White Cross activities. On the table are some of the dolls that were sent in the 14,000 pounds of White Cross supplies to Baptist mission fields in Asia



14,000 pounds of bandages, surgical instruments, towels, baby clothes, bed jackets, toys, school equipment are destined for 20 missionaries on these distant fields.

The names and the exact conditions under which each missionary works are known to those

who furnish the goods. Thus, the surgical bullet extractor goes to China. Warm coats are not sent to South India. Bed jackets have dainty stitching on them, but there is no cast-off, second-hand winter clothing. Missionary barrels, with their hit-and-miss surprises, are gone forever.



A scene from the Christmas pageant at the Italian Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

All Had A Merry Christmas

In camps, hospitals, churches, schoolhouses, on shipboard and on a bungalow roof, everywhere from India to Oklahoma and on to Yokohama, Christmas is celebrated on Baptist mission fields

Christmas Aboard Ship in Yokohama Harbor

By KENNETH G. HOBART

OUR CHRISTMAS was spent on shipboard in Yokohama harbor. Our stay there was so short as to make it hardly seem worthwhile to go ashore. Moreover our few friends there were busy with their own duties and celebrations. So it was very different from any other Christmas we had ever spent. On Christmas Eve the children in the tourist class gave a little play and a pageant. In the latter, which we all enjoyed, they were helped by Miss Muriel Lester. The ship provided a lovely gift for each child. Our

children were bounteously remembered by many of you good friends, and relatives, so that they lacked only the home atmosphere which no ship can reproduce. Otherwise it would have been a perfect Christmas.



Two Oranges and Two Bananas for Each Hospital Patient

By NAOMI H. CARMAN

CHRISTMAS, as always, was a happy time at the hospital. The hospital staff had their usual Christmas program and tree, at which more than

100 gifts were given to them and their families. Most of them were articles we had received in some of the fine White Cross boxes. To some staff members it was their only Christmas, and it was a joy to be your representatives in giving them such pleasure, and the staff this year decided that they wanted the pleasure of Christmas giving as well as receiving. So they not only gave their spare time to make pretty paper decorations for the wards, but took up a collection sufficient to provide two oranges and two bananas and a small amount of candy for each of the 40 patients who remained in the hospital on Christmas Day.—Hanumakonda, South India.



An International Christmas Around San Francisco Bay

By ISABELLE GATES

THE Christian Friendliness Committee sponsored two International Christmas Vesper Services in the Bay Cities. The only stipulation was that every nationality and racial group be represented on the program and that all of it be as devotional in nature as possible. In San Francisco seven nationalities contributed. Most of the members were musical, but there was also a lovely tableau by some of the Chinese children with a tiny seven-year-old miss giving part of the Scripture from memory. Three brief talks were given: one by a young Japanese, another by the wife of one of the American pastors, and the third by an older Negro. The high point of the service on that side was the period of prayer in which folk were free to use their own language. About 175 people were present.

On the same day in Oakland about 250 people gathered in the little Mexican church. Two Christmas carols sung by the Swedish choir gave dignity and beauty to the hour, and a brief meditation by one of our high school boys brought the deeper meaning of Christmas to our hearts. Because the Mexican group was giving up the evening service we had an offering taken for their work. It was an unexpected part of the program and the ushers hardly knew how to pass the baskets to so many people! In the interval, two small boys who play musical instruments gave us their own interpretation of "Silent Night" which added to the informality of the hour, as you may imagine! People seemed to feel together, through it all, and spoke appreciatively of the work the Committee had done in making possible the first Christmas Vesper services.

A Congo Variation of "No Room at the Inn"

By CATHARINE L. MABIE

OUR Christmas pageant was a simple presentation of the lovely Christmas stories woven into the story of a little Galilean boy who was a slave of general usefulness at the Bethlehem inn. The conception came to me one night while I was wondering how to bring some fresh new feature into the presentation. I named him Yeledi. When Caesar's tax collector demanded the best room in the inn he had to evacuate the Jewish couple already installed therein. There was literally no place for Mary when she arrived. Yeledi had already been made to give up his own bed to a stranger and had thrown down some hay back of the manger where he intended to sleep when the day's work should be done. He offered his poor excuse for a bed to Mary and she gladly accepted.

He was sent on an errand to the shepherds' field and there talked with one of the shepherds who was looking for the coming of the Messiah. They were looking at the star hanging low over the sleeping



Shepherds in the Christmas pageant at Kimpese, Belgian Congo, escorted by Yeledi to the manger

town when from our water-tower behind the field an angel announced the birth of Mary's baby in a solo very well sung. A chorus of unseen angels also in the tower sang the beautiful angel chorus.

Yeledi, immensely excited and full of awed joy, told the shepherds that the baby must be that of the Nazareth young woman to whom he gave his improvised sleeping quarters. When he arrived and found it really was Mary's baby and in the manger which he had filled with hay, he could scarcely contain himself as he led the shepherds in their adoration. Later he asks Mary if he may not serve her as nurse for her baby and she accepts him. He goes with the family to Egypt and you should have heard the suppressed wonder and surprise when he returned with the family leading by the hand an adorable little toddler. They arrive at the shepherds' field intending to return to Bethlehem but are warned by the shepherd of the danger from Herod's cruel son and so go on to Nazareth. Singing by various groups served as interludes between scenes. The women sang very softly "Silent Night" while Yeledi slept with the shepherds and just before he awoke to see the star and hear the angel's announcement.

It was an out-of-doors affair and beside the 500 in our Kimpese family there were many from the surrounding towns who came to see and worship with us Christmas morning in the simple pageantry. We staged it early, at eight o'clock, before the sunshine should become unbearably hot. Our lawns were at their best as rains have been heavy and frequent for months and the sun brilliant whenever it hasn't been raining. Christmas roses were plenteous.



Christmas Gifts from 18 Baptist Churches

By ALICE C. BROWN

ANOTHER Christmas has come and gone. But in the hearts of many children of our rural school, Christmas will not be gone until another Christmas comes along to erase the memory of this one. And perhaps not even then! For wouldn't you remember it more than a year if it were the first time Christmas had ever meant anything to you? As one of the teachers said, "Nothing had been done for Christmas in my school for years, and how much it meant to the children can never be put in words."

In eight different rural communities where former Bacone College students are teachers of the schools, in seven different counties from 25 to 75 miles from

Bacone, the Christmas Eve programs and gifts furnished the biggest event of the year. For several weeks, the children had eagerly practiced their parts on the program, and had dreamed of Christmas at night. Teachers had not said a great deal about it, but the children had been sure for days that there would be gifts for each child, from a church a long way off, somewhere up North, all wrapped in Christmas paper with their own names on a little Christmas card.

To all who made this joy possible for more than 400 children we say a most hearty "Thank you." That would come from many more than 400 if they could say it, for parents and all the other members of the family would like to say "thank you" too. The greater share would come from Indians, for all but one of the schools aided are Indian schools.

The schools that were helped were: For the Sourjohn school in Muskogee county, where Ben McNevins is the teacher, the Park Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, furnished the children's gifts. The Red Bird Smith School, Mrs. Bess Daniel Foreman, teacher, was aided by the Judson Baptist Church of Minneapolis. The Tremont Temple Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., furnished the children's gifts for the Stillely School in Delaware County, taught by Betty Sapp, and also for the Cave Springs School in Cherokee County taught by Florence Ross. The Calvary Baptist Church of Minneapolis aided the Oak Hill school in Delaware County where Wynona Starr is the teacher, while the Trinity Baptist Church of Minneapolis helped the Mulberry School in Adair County, where Fannie Smith is teaching. Both the West Somerville Baptist Church of Massachusetts and the Lake Harriet Baptist Church of Minneapolis, helped to furnish the gifts for Dave Quinton's school, Ballou, in Mayes County. And for the Bascome School in Pittsburgh County, the Pond Street Baptist Church in Providence, R. I., provided the gifts.

In addition a good deal of clothing and many toys for tiny children were provided for Frances McIntosh Beaver to distribute in her Indian Social Service work as she found the needy both in the schools and in their homes throughout Creek County. For the 140 children in this group the Linden Avenue Baptist Church of Dayton, O., provided the personal gifts.

The story is not all told yet. The White Gift offering, amounting to more than \$50, provided so generously by the entire group of students and faculty, was given according to their needs, to these teachers and workers, to be used where it was most badly needed. Almost without exception, each said,

"I'll use mine for medicine. It's so desperately needed at times, and there are no funds to draw on for it."

Widespread coöperation? Yes, but listen to the rest of the story; it still goes further. The South Norwalk Baptist Church of Norwalk, Conn., sent little gifts to each child in Ioleta Hunt McElhaney's School, Mount Zion, among the Choctaws; the Calvary Baptist Church of Minneapolis also sent gifts to James Baldrige's school, Hickory Hill, in the southern part of the state; the Calvary Baptist Church of Providence, R. I., provided gifts for the 22 little Apache beginners to be found in La Homa Carlile's room in San Carlos Indian School, San Carlos, Ariz.; the Judson Baptist Church of Minneapolis also sent gifts to the Sanders' School where Dalton Eads was the teacher, and to the Independence School at Van Hook, in northern North Dakota, where Jennie Smith is teaching; while the Arlington Baptist Church of Cranston, R. I., provided for the second room in this school; three different churches took the three rooms of the Georgetown School where Idabelle Rush is teaching, the Fourth Baptist Church of Minneapolis, one church from Eau Claire, Wis., and the third group, by the No. Scituate, R. I., Baptist Church; and two churches of Pawtucket, R. I., provided the gifts for the 75 children in the two rooms of the Oakdale School, taught by Charles McNatt and his wife.



Indian Camps and Christmas Evangelism

By P. L. JACKSON

FOR a full week before Christmas, according to old Kiowa custom our Indians gathered in camp about our three churches. Around the Elk Creek church 15 families camped and attended evangelistic meetings led by Sherman Chaddlesone. Six came forward for reconsecration at the close of these meetings. There were many expressions of the complete joy of this Christmas—a pastor living on the field with them, so many lovely gifts, and such a fine Christian spirit among them.

At Rainy Mountain 20 families camped around the church for a week of evangelistic meetings led by Rev. W. A. Wilkin and their pastor. On Christmas night 50 responded to the call of rededication and several boys and girls and young people came seeking baptism.

At Saddle Mountain, because of illness in several families we had less in camp than on previous years,

but seven families came for camp fellowship together. However no special meetings were held other than the program on Thursday night, the services on Christmas day, and the following Sunday night.

At each of the churches the young people planned and portrayed the Christmas story in Scripture and song. Elk Creek and Saddle Mountain used as characters the junior and primary children, while Rainy Mountain used the young people and adults. The young people in each of the churches sang the Carols for the program. After the Christmas Eve program the Rainy Mountain W.W.G. Girls went from one lighted tent to another sending forth the Christmas carols on the clear night air.

Christmas day was a busy one for all. A service was held at 11 A.M. with a gospel message followed by giving and pledging. Gifts of money in appreciation for God's blessing were generously given. A fine Christmas feast was enjoyed by all in camp with many visitors sharing in the festivities. The afternoon was spent in filling the candy bags, decorating and placing the presents on the trees. The committees at each of the churches did their work faithfully.

On Christmas night 100 gathered into the church at Elk Creek to enjoy the tree and to receive the gifts and treats and to bring their own gifts to the Lord. More than 300 filled the Rainy Mountain church to capacity while 200 filled the Saddle Mountain Church. Tully Morrison, one of our young men, brought a fine Christmas message, "No Room at the Inn." Some special numbers in song and in verse contributed to the Christmas thought. The electrically lighted tree brought a special thrill to all.

One of the happiest events of the holiday season was the gathering together of the missionaries for their annual Christmas dinner. This year 26 of us enjoyed the day of fellowship in our home. As we were singing carols the day closed with a gorgeous sunset beyond the hills and an harmonizing good night was sung.



Christmas Fellowship and the Poverty of India

By FRANK P. MANLEY

AT ALLUR we arranged a Christmas party for the pastors, evangelists and teachers of that field together with their families. It was held on the terraced roof of the Allur bungalow. A total of about 150 persons were present. How much it would mean to you all if you could have looked in on that party.

These people are poor in this world's goods with a bitter poverty you cannot imagine and we, even, in the midst of it cannot duly realize. The village pastors now have no mission help *at all*. There is *nothing* available to give them—nothing but ourselves, and we long intensely that we were vastly richer in personality and spirit that our self-giving might somehow make up to these hungry *souls* for the bread and meat their bodies crave.

The hunger of their souls for Christian fellowship is measured a little by the fact that some families, little children and women, walked incredible distances to be present. When they came together one could not fail to see that they possessed riches in spirit unknown to their non-Christian neighbors. Here is light shining from faces that can smile and be gay under circumstances that might be expected to crush them. The program of the party was spontaneous—fun, good humor, laughter—and the ready swing from gaiety to seriousness that marks the poised Christian spirit. They had an hour of fellowship, partook of simple refreshments, and re-

ceived, each family, a Christmas parcel. These latter were made up mainly for the children from White Cross boxes which have come from America, garments for boys and girls, small toys in which the hearts of children everywhere rejoice, a yard of bright cloth for each woman and big girl, to be made up into the bodices that are the Telugu fashion. Then they went home again, long miles for some, in the vivid moonlight.

To what were they going? Clusters of mud-walled huts roofed with perishable palm leaf thatch—no beauty to our eyes—but containing all the sanctities of home. But those homes are very bare. The churches on an average give their pastors no better living than the church members have—not more than \$3.00 a month in any case—in some cases less than \$2.00. This provides a very meager subsistence for mere continuance of bodily life. Nothing for the soul, books, papers, pictures, schooling, what we call culture—nothing of these can come in that scale. Yet these families are our whole hope for the building of the churches. Can they do it?



The Long Arm of Human Sympathy

Two letters that tell a human interest story of how an account of the misery and suffering in Nanking, as published in MISSIONS, prompted a group of children in Burma to send a relief gift to children in China

Dear Dr. Robbins:

Will you kindly ask the treasurer to charge my account with \$5.00 and send it to any one of our missionaries now in a war-torn area of China, to be used for destitute children there. It is a gift from the Burmese, Mon and Anglo-Indian children here in Moulmein, to the suffering children of China.

I enclose a letter from the children to the children in China to whom it will be sent. Kindly send the letter with the \$5.00. It was prompted by an account read in MISSIONS about conditions in Nanking. You may send it there if you wish.

Thanking you for doing this for us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Beryl L. Cummings,
Moulmein, Burma.

Dear little friends in China:

We have heard about your great trouble, and want you to know how sorry we are.

We are praying for you all. We pray that the war will soon come to an end.

We are sending you a small gift of money to help you buy food or clothing or medicines, or whatever you need.

We are a kindergarten and primary group of Burmese, Mon, and Anglo-Indian children in Moulmein, Burma. We want to send you our love and sympathy, too.

Praying that God will keep you all safe from harm, we are

Lovingly,

Burmese, Mon, and Anglo-Indian Christian children who attend Baptist Church-schools in the American Baptist Mission, Moulmein, Burma

After reading these letters, turn to page 606, and read the editorial, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse Are Riding Across China." And then, *Obey That Christmas Impulse*

Christmas

A Christmas Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, in whose grace all our light is born and in whose love is the fountain of our festivity, mercifully lead us into the holy secret of Christmastide. Take us into the innermost room of its sacred joy. Forbid that we should remain in the outer courts, dwelling amid the merely carnal pleasures, satisfied with the merriment that dies with the day and contented with the happiness that passes with the fading flower and the withering leaf. Bring us into the eternal things of this blessed season, into the things that abide, into the joy that rings Christmas bells all the year round.

Teach us, our Father, the full meaning of Jesus' birth. Make our hearts to glow with gladness in the great redemption Christ brings us—in the great salvation He brings from sin, with its guilt, its power, its penalty. Bring into the right way those who are going astray. Give confidence to the trembling ones. Free bonded hearts. Open blind eyes. Unstop deaf ears. And pardon, we beseech thee, all our sins.

May this blessed birthday of the Saviour become the birthday of a new creation and awaken everywhere the love that manifests itself in unending good will among men. We ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(FROM PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL DAYS, by G. B. F. Hallock, Harper & Brothers, Publishers)

On Christmas Night

There is no sign to mark the Christmas night—

No radiant vision greets my eager eyes,
Nor is there any Star that shines more bright
Than those long wont to gem the winter skies.
No angel comes to tell of holy birth,

The heavenly chorus nevermore is heard
Singing the gladsome tidings: "Peace on earth"—

But in the solemn hush my soul is stirred
As on no other night in all the year,
And lost in fancy I can lift aside

The veil of Time, and with no thought of fear,
Behold the joy of that first Christmas tide.

So on this night from all nights set apart,
The Christ is born again within my heart!

—DORIS WHEELER BLOUNT, in
The Christian Advocate

Christmas Scripture

Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord.—*Luke 2:10-11.*

And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.—*John 17:3.*

Christmas Thoughts

Only God could make Christmas . . .

. . . But He could only make it.

We can only keep Christmas . . .

. . . But only we can keep it.

—HELEN MOYE WILLIAMS, in *World Outlook*



We shall rejoice once again at the coming of Christmas. We shall gather around the manger and arise with a newer light gleaming in our eyes and a newer power glowing in our hearts. We shall adore the divine Babe of Bethlehem. We shall love every participant in the ancient scene. But amongst the smiles and joy there will be tears and a heartache because 1900 years after He came with His message of love and His gift of salvation, there are still many inns, many nations, many minds, many hearts too crowded or too indifferent to receive Him.—INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.



The scene at the inn at Bethlehem where there was no room for Joseph and Mary in their great need, symbolizes much of our modern Christmastide, which is too full of other things to give hospitality to Jesus Christ, or to reveal, as it should, His spirit. The ceaseless round of Christmas social convivialities seldom prepares us to welcome Him on His natal day.—REV. PAUL T. SARGENT.



To all of us there comes, each Christmas time, the challenge to take anew into our hearts the wonder of its message. Not the wonder of one night on the Judean hills,—that was only the beginning of it; but the wonder of a Christ still dwelling among men—still healing and feeding and befriending and setting lives free from sin. How eagerly we should carry the great news to prisoners of want and pain and ignorance and sin. Emanuel—*God with us!* God with us here and now and forever through Him who came that Christmas night, nineteen centuries ago. So should the utter joy and wonder of it fill our hearts this Christmas time and send us out eagerly and fearlessly upon the tasks of love.—MABEL NELSON THURSTON, in *The Christmas Road*, published by F. H. Revell Co.

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF MISSIONS

A monthly digest from letters and reports of field correspondents

Farewell to Mosquito Nets

The Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico dedicates a new cottage for the missionary's family and a new dormitory where students may study undisturbed by the mosquitoes

IN 1926 a beautiful "Proposed Campus Plan" for the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico included a building program of \$200,000. Unfortunately it had to go the way of most of the high hopes of those years of plenty.

However, some wishes do come true a little at a time. Two new buildings, involving a modest expenditure of about \$14,000 were recently completed and dedicated. The student dormitory and the cottage for the Baptist professor and his family do not complete the essential equipment needed for the Seminary, but they do enable us to do much more adequately the work to which we have been commissioned. On the façade of the dormitory are the Cross and the

By AARON F. WEBBER

Book, symbols of the great loyalty and the challenging task which link us with our loyal churches at home and with the missionary enterprise around the world.

At the simple dedication service Dr. Angel Archilla, president of the Board of Trustees, spoke words of warm-hearted appreciation of the thousands of friends who contribute to the cause of missions. Then he challenged the students. "Bend your knees frequently," he said, "in the solitude of your rooms. Make the most of these days of preparation. Great tasks are awaiting you. You are the future ministers to carry the gospel of salvation to the peoples of Latin America."

And how must the boys feel about it? For the first time in our history, we are able to offer them really attractive, home-like surroundings in the dormitory. For the first time, they are able to study without the sinister accompaniment of the mosquito's violin. Screens protect them from this enemy and free them from the bothersome mosquito-net, always of doubtful effectiveness. It is also a real satisfaction, both to the students and to the faculty families, to realize that we now have several well-constructed buildings, well designed to meet the strain of hurricane or earthquake. The furniture and equipment of each room is necessarily very simple but is a great advance.

At the opening of the Seminary year the address was given by President James A. McAllister. He challenged the students to preparation for a positive ministry, stressing as characteristic of our



New residence for the missionary and new dormitory for students at the Puerto Rico Evangelical Seminary

day a trend toward a more positive assertion of the great basic truths of Christianity.

Soon after we moved into our new residence, the pastor of the local Baptist Church (of which we are members) brought a group to hold a brief service of dedication. They were thinking of this house

not so much as a Seminary building as the house in which a Christian family finds its home.

Our building program is not out of the wishing stage. We still need great help and your prayers. But in these recent advances you of the home circle have done much. We thank God and take courage!

Weddings in India

Indian Christians are as extravagant on weddings as American Christians are on funerals

SEVERAL weddings have taken place here recently. Indian Christians are as extravagant on weddings as Americans are on funerals. It is customary for the groom's family to provide the bride's clothes and jewelry and the bride's family to provide the groom's. The bride and her mother fast on the day of the wedding until after the ceremony. The mother never attends the wedding. The bride usually hangs her head and often weeps during the ceremony in the church to show her modesty and her grief at leaving her parents' home. She is often late to the wedding, partly to show that she is not too anxious to get married. The bride has a silk sari, a veil, flowers and jewelry in her hair, ear rings and bracelets and often a necklace. Her feet are painted with a half inch line of vermilion. The ceremony itself is very much like our American double ring ceremony. The groom is almost invariably given, along with shoes, silk shirt, fine dhoti and gold shirt studs, a new umbrella to carry with him to the ceremony. No one seems able to explain why, unless it has the symbolic significance of a protection against the storms of life. The groom and the best man always arrive at the church first in a dhooly (conveyance carried by coolies) or a motor car which

By W. C. OSGOOD
conveyance then goes to fetch the bride. The bridesmaid is usually a younger married woman closely related to the prospective husband. After the ceremony the bride and groom are carried off together with at least one small child in the conveyance, to the bride's home. There the close friends and relatives of the groom are given a chance to see the bride's face. Hitherto she has been veiled. In connection with this occasion the married pair feed each other a little of the cake or light refreshments which have been prepared for the occasion. The bride's relatives then give their wedding gifts to the groom. Later the bride's family entertains all the wedding guests at a feast. The

following day (the bride and groom leave for his house shortly after the feast), the groom's family give a feast which theoretically the new wife has had a part in preparing. It is called bobhat or son's wife's rice. The nearer relatives are given half the expense involved in coming to the wedding, a piece of cloth from the bride's family and another from the groom's and are entertained for several days.

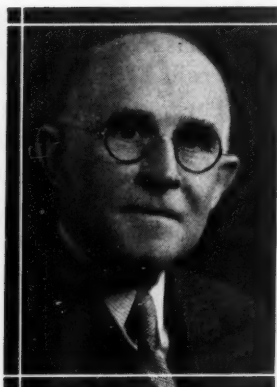
The Hallelujah Chorus in Nicaragua

The choir of the Managua Baptist Church attended in a body the Second Nicaraguan National Baptist Convention held in Leon. The last night we even sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" accompanied by a small portable organ! A public service was held in the central park of the city which faces the ancient cathedral of Leon and is surrounded by Catholic nunneries and theological seminaries. A large crowd attended and the service was not interrupted in any way. Since Protestants are still so much in the minority in Nicaragua, and since social contacts are so difficult to arrange among the members because of poverty and difficulties of transportation, the convention meant much to our people.—*Lydia Holm*, Colegio Bautista, Managua, Nicaragua.



Singing the Hallelujah Chorus in the public square of Leon

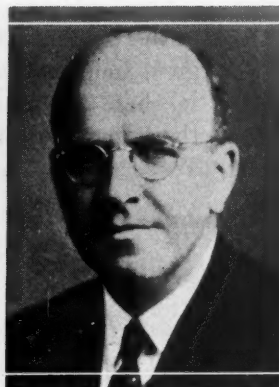
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Secretarial Staff Promotions at Foreign Mission Headquarters

AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

THE retirement age set by the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for its missionaries and secretaries will be reached by several of the latter within a few years. In order that adequate time might be given for the necessary adjustments and replacements the Board appointed a committee to study the matter.

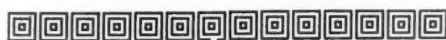
The retirement of Dr. George B. Huntington, Treasurer and Budget Secretary, will occur December 31, 1938. At a later date the Board will make a fuller statement regarding his long and distinguished service to the denomination and the cause of Christian missions. Happily the Board has discovered among the members of the present staff the qualities needed for the difficult tasks which Dr. Huntington has carried and thus finds it possible to provide for continuing his work without adding to the staff.

The Committee has made the following recommendations which have been adopted by the Board.

Upon the retirement of Dr. George B. Huntington, Treasurer and Budget Secretary, December 31, 1938, Associate Treasurer Forrest Smith, will become Treasurer, and Associate Secretary Dana M. Albaugh in the Home Department, will become Budget Secretary. Mr. Smith has served the Society for 19 years. He entered the Treasury Department as Chief Accountant and has successively assumed additional responsibilities, especially in the care of investments

and legal correspondence until he has become familiar with all the work of the Treasury. The effective service already rendered is a sufficient augury of his success in the larger responsibility he is now asked to undertake. Mr. Albaugh was commissioned as a missionary to Belgian Congo 15 years ago. After a fruitful term upon the field, ill health prevented the return of his family to Africa. Mr. Albaugh has since served in the Home Department except for a period of three years of promotional work with the Board of Missionary Cooperation and the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. His service in these various lines has given him the detailed knowledge needed as a background for the duties of Budget Secretary in addition to the Recording Secretaryship which he has carried for several years.

Another staff adjustment to take place simultaneously with those just mentioned is the promotion of Dr. R. L. Howard from the position of Associate Secretary to that of Foreign Secretary. Dr. Howard has had a long and varied experience in the work. He was commissioned as a missionary to Burma in 1910. After carrying on evangelistic and educational work for 11 years he was elected President of Judson College which position he occupied with distinction for four years. Unable to return to the field on account of family ill health, he was asked by the Board to serve in the Foreign Department as Associate Secretary. He is now acting for Dr. J. W. Decker in the administration of the Far Eastern fields during the latter's visit to the mission fields in Asia and to the World Missionary Conference in Madras.—ALTON L. MILLER, *Chairman of the Board.*



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Will It Be

Just Another Christmas?

ALL THAT is necessary for a confident prediction of how Christmas will be celebrated this year is to recall what has happened before.

On Christmas Day in these United States last year 500 people were killed, 14 committed suicide, and 30 were murdered. Tersely *The Associated Press* reported on the day after Christmas,

Merrymaking was cut short by gunfire, hanging, suffocation, burning, poisoning, drowning, plane crashing, and fatal highway and household accidents. Violent death claimed at least 500 lives on the most extensive Christmas celebration in years.

Since in one year America has neither improved its homicidal record nor reduced its holiday auto fatalities, Christmas will likely bring another toll of untimely deaths.

Again, last year the liquor industry extensively and offensively publicized its whiskey as a suitable Christmas gift. One distiller advertised,

Giving a man a quart of our whiskey, or two if you are really quite fond of him, is a grand way to say, "Merry Christmas."

Another had the unspeakable effrontery to quote the New Testament and say in his advertising, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Still

another pictured two men drinking while above their heads were the words, "Peace on earth, good will to all." Three weeks hence such advertising will again do violence to our finer sensibilities.

And as for the general world situation, with conditions as they are in Spain, in China, in Palestine, the birthday of the Prince of Peace will seem hollow mockery to those who celebrate it. Christmas bells feebly ringing against the rhythmic tramp of soldiers' boots in Spain; Christmas carols scarcely audible above the rumble of tanks and machine guns across the cobblestones of Bethlehem; here and there a Chinese Christian timidly burning a Christmas candle while across the field a Japanese camp fire casts its lurid glare on a scene of desolation; what a picture of Christmas irony and incongruity.

Such facts make unpleasant Christmas reading. They sound a discordant note in the celestial harmony of the angelic chorus. They inject a painful irritant, like a thorn in the flesh, into the joyous serenity with which we would like to observe Christmas. And that is precisely what such facts should do. For they reveal the long road that humanity still must travel before Christmas will truly mean the anniversary of the coming of Him who brought a new spirit of love and peace into the world, who showed men how to live more abundantly, and whose birthday should be an annual reminder of God's presence in our lives.

Will it be just another Christmas? We have much yet to do to blot out its irony and incongruity and make it really meaningful.

How Much Are Baptists Concerned Over Religious Liberty?

ARE Baptists in the United States really concerned over religious liberty?

The Joint Committee of Northern and Southern Baptists on Public Relations puts that question squarely up to them in the proposal that each church send a courteous but firm protest to the Hon. Radu Irimescu, Rumanian Minister in Washington, D. C., in behalf of the Baptists of Rumania. If the new Decree goes into effect on December 15th (see page 585), practically every Baptist church in Rumania will be closed. So the Committee suggests that Baptist churches in America adopt resolutions appealing for (1) an annulment of the decree and pending that, an

extension of the time limit on the enforcement of the Decree to June 15, 1939; (2) a recognition of Rumanian Baptists as members of a cult with the same authorization as that accorded to Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Jews and Mohammedans; (3) a granting of the same degree of liberty to Baptist churches in Rumania that is enjoyed by Rumanian Orthodox Churches in the United States.

The Committee has issued an exceedingly informing 32-page pamphlet entitled, *The Rumanian Crisis*, that gives the historical background of the present situation, prints the text of the new Decree, and reviews the various actions taken to bring about an annulment, thus far without success. Included also are copies of protests filed with the Rumanian Minister in Washington and with the Patriarch of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Bukarest. There is ample material in this pamphlet for a vigorous sermon on religious liberty. Every pastor should have a copy. Send 12 cents in stamps to Dr. Rufus Washington Weaver, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and act accordingly.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse Are Riding Across China

DURING those anxious weeks in September when war seemed imminent in Europe, events in China were more or less forgotten. But Japan did not forget. With relentless efficiency the Japanese Army in this second year of undeclared war against China pushed on into the interior. Undoubtedly the greatest single disaster in human history has occurred in China. From *The Trans-Pacific*, published in Tokyo, MISSIONS reprints the following harrowing paragraphs:

More than 30,000,000 persons have been rooted out of the war areas. The migration is probably the greatest in the history of the world. These millions are wandering westward and southward. All are homeless; many are starving.

Retreating Chinese troops, in pursuance of their scorched earth policy of devastation, are ruining everything in their path. Over territory larger than Texas, millions of lives will be imperiled. The black shadow of famine hangs over large areas where the peasants have fled from their farms. In these sections there was no spring planting. Now there are no crops.

It is a fearful picture. The four horsemen of the Apocalypse—pestilence, war, famine, death—are riding across China, claiming victims not by the thousands but by the hundreds of thousands.

Worse than the misery of civilians is the appalling suffering of wounded Chinese soldiers. Again the missionary enterprise becomes the Good Samaritan in rendering service that is beyond the relief facilities of the Chinese Army. Here are two paragraphs from missionaries' report letters. For some readers the realism may seem too grisly.

Left in their filthy, bloody uniforms, their wounds undressed for days, infections set in. The putrid masses of pus and blood smelled to heaven. There was no assistance in toilet needs and the men were obliged to lie in their own filth, adding to the nauseating stench. It was cold. Many had no bedding to cover them on the bare iron floor of the cars. They get little food or drink en route.

Our journey with 400 wounded took one day and two nights. The seriously wounded formed the majority. Some were without arms and some without legs. Some had bullets or shrapnel still inside their bodies. They were lying on the bare iron floor of the car. Before the train left we bought all the straw available in the village market and spread it across the floor.

The Christmas season is again upon us. How can we with peace of mind enjoy its blessings when there is such terrible suffering on the other side of the world? Now that all China relief agencies have been unified and coordinated into a single CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR CHINA RELIEF, American Christians should respond more generously than ever to this appeal. (See page 581.)

In speaking of China, said Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., "All the old ways to measure human distress are inadequate." He might have added that all the old ways for measuring relief are inadequate. Send your donation promptly.

Who Says There Is Radicalism in the Federal Council of Churches?

THE Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America will hold its bi-ennial meeting December 6-9, in Buffalo, N. Y. Northern Baptists are represented by 17 delegates and 17 alternates. How many of them will be present is not known. The denomination makes no provision for their

traveling expenses. There should be a large attendance because the Buffalo meeting will mark the completion of 30 years of the Council's services. The program includes a special anniversary celebration and seven sectional conferences designed to promote study of the following:

EVANGELISM FOR TODAY

THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH AND THE FAMILY

THE PASTOR IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS

THE CHURCH AND RACE RELATIONS

THE CHURCH AND WORLD PROBLEMS

It is difficult to see in such a program any substantiation of the charge occasionally made that the Federal Council is manifesting radical tendencies. On the contrary, there is reason to believe that the Council is steadily growing in esteem among American Christians and in constructive influence on American life. Nevertheless, for various reasons, some Baptists are still opposed to the Northern Baptist Convention's affiliation. They ought to attend the Buffalo meeting. By ascertaining for themselves the Council's activities, policies, plans and program, they could more sympathetically determine whether or not it merits continued Northern Baptist support.

Editorial ♦ Comment

♦ Last December the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Baptist Church of the Redeemer in Yonkers, N. Y., wrote to all members appealing for a generous Christmas offering. In his letter he said, "We believe that the church, above all institutions, has a right to be considered first in your list of Christmas gifts. It is a little meaningless to sing songs about the wise men bringing their gifts to the manger when we have left ours at home." This is sound doctrine that might well be broadcast by other church finance committees.

♦ The second Sunday in December is again sponsored by the American Bible Society for the observance of Universal Bible Sunday. It should partake of the nature of an unusually significant celebration this year in that the Bible, in whole or in part, has now been translated into more than 1,000 languages. Merely to tell the fascinating story of Bible translations through the centuries would make a thrilling missionary sermon. One of the Bible Society's ideals is to be able to offer the Scriptures to

every man in his own tongue at a price within reach of his capacity to pay. Thousands of churches across the United States will observe Bible Sunday. It is hoped that a substantial proportion of them will be Baptist churches. (See poster reproduction on page 616.) An attractive and informing booklet, *And Now in a Thousand Tongues*, by Dr. ERIC M. NORTH, has been issued. A copy will be sent free to any pastor on application to the Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York City.

♦ Every Northern Baptist who owns a radio should be able to participate in the World Missionary Conference at Madras. Arrangements are being made for a radio broadcast from Madras on Christmas Eve. It should mark a milestone in Christian history. For the first time the Christian gospel will be proclaimed *to all the world from a non-Christian land*. Baptists are asked to observe the calendar of prayer for the entire conference period, December 13-30, 1938. Early next year, in February and March, a nation-wide series of meetings will be held in leading American cities at which foreign delegates from Madras will interpret the conference.

THE GREAT DELUSION

Number 56

CHRISTMAS WHISKEY

THE liquor traffic is utterly unscrupulous and callous to the real meaning of Christmas. A year ago it spent a fortune in promoting the sale of its products as Christmas gifts. Here are a few selected headings from advertisements last December.

NO OTHER GIFT SAYS MERRY CHRISTMAS

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FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS GIVE HIM

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FOAMING WITH CHRISTMAS FLAVOR

GIVING AND SERVING ———'S WHISKEY

IS AN HONORED CUSTOM AT CHRISTMAS

SOLVE YOUR CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

WITH A ———'S WHISKEY GIFT PACKAGE

FOR A DISTINGUISHED MERRY CHRISTMAS

GIVE A JUG OF ———'S WHISKEY

Surely those who voted for repeal never dreamed that within five years Christmas would be so prostituted by the liquor traffic.

Three Hundred Years and a Hurricane

Brief glimpses of the damage done by the terrible storm of September 21 that lashed its fury through New England in the 300th anniversary year of the Baptists of Rhode Island

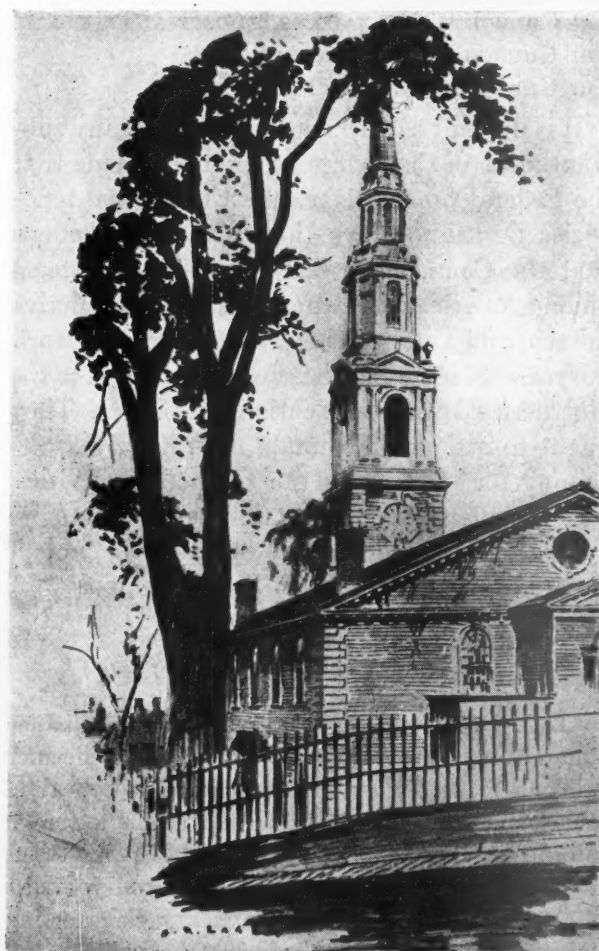
By WALTER WHITE



WHILE newer church buildings were having their spires torn off and their roofs stripped during the terrible storm that ravished New England late in September, the old First Baptist Meeting House of Providence, R. I., stood ruggedly against the 100-mile wind and came through undamaged. Neither the corrosive drive of the rain nor the fury of the wind raging around its steeple was able to damage this structure which has been carefully



Severe damage was done to the John Clark Memorial Church in Newport, Rhode Island, that had just celebrated its 300th anniversary. The special celebration scheduled for October has had to be postponed



Rear view of the historic First Baptist Church in Providence. Its stately spire was not damaged

guarded throughout the many years of its existence. Year after year experts have searched for weak beams and loosened parts. Year after year these danger points have been removed by the substitution of sound, fresh material. During the summer of 1938, as a part of its tercentenary observance, thousands of dollars were spent on a renovation program of the church. Had the hurricane destroyed the freshly renovated interior or the magnificent towering steeple, it would



The roof of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Mass., was completely demolished and the side wall left at such a dangerous angle as to compel its rebuilding

have been a tragedy for Baptists and for all lovers of spiritual freedom. Throughout Rhode Island there was deep thanksgiving that the old church had come through undamaged. This church is more than a Rhode Island institution. It belongs to all Baptists.

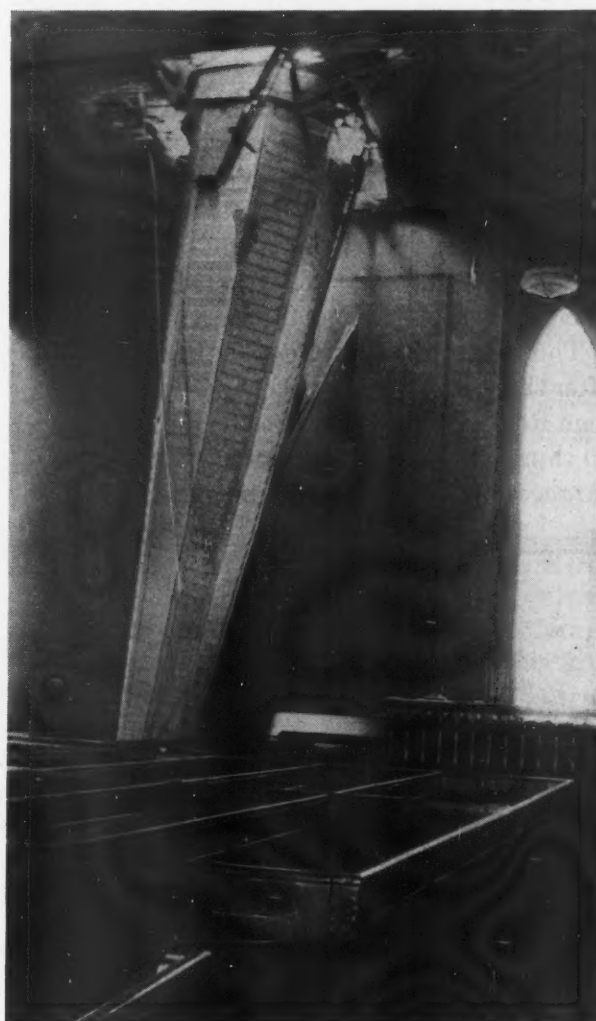
Other churches in Rhode Island were not so fortunate. In Newport stands the famous John Clarke Memorial Church, under the ministry of Dr. Wilbur Nelson. The year book of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention records the fact that both the First Church of Providence and the First Church of Newport were organized in 1638. It was the plan of the State Convention to hold a special tercentenary celebration in Newport in October as a part of the Rhode Island tercentenary. But man proposes and God disposes. The storm tore the steeple from the church. In falling it hit the roof with force enough to cause serious damage to the church interior. So the Convention was unable to hold the October meeting.

Among the many Free Baptist Churches in Rhode Island is the strong organization in Pascoag with 265 resident members. Rev. Harry Collins has served this church for 13 years. It is the first Free Baptist Church in the state, having been started in 1812. Its large edifice seats about 400 people. The terrific force of the wind ripped off the steeple and threw it to the ground. A huge metal ball which adorned the steeple struck the roof of the church and caused serious damage.

Fortunately the double roof saved the interior of the church from being visibly marred.

There are two Baptist churches on Block Island, about 10 miles off the coast. The first church for the past six years has had Rev. Manford D. Wolfe as its pastor. The Free church has been served by Rev. Calder M. Miller for the past six years. The economic life of the inhabitants depends largely on its fishermen. Before the hurricane there were more than 100 fishing boats on the island ranging in value from \$500 to \$5,000. After the storm less than 20 of these boats remained. Thus the Island will face severe hardship and the churches will be greatly handicapped in their work.

Pastor William W. Barker of the First Baptist Church in Woonsocket, reports considerable damage. The chimneys were blown down. Prac-



In Blackstone, Mass., the steeple of the First Baptist Church crashed through the roof into the sanctuary

tically all of its roofing-slate and copings were carried away. The driving rain penetrated the interior of the church and the organ. Large stained glass windows were shattered. It is estimated conservatively that \$5,000 will be needed to restore this church.

The church in Charlestown had its roof blown off and its windows shattered. The church in Blackstone, Mass., Pastor Leon F. Kenney, which is a part of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention, had its steeple twisted off and thrown point first into the roof. The Perryville church, Pastor George O. Read, was moved bodily from its foundations. Its beams and timbers were greatly twisted and strained. The Free Baptist Church in Georgiaville had its roofing removed and its stained glass windows destroyed. The roof of its parsonage was also ripped off. Pastor Le Roy Emery had just gone to Canada to be married. So he had to bring his young bride into a roofless home.

We cannot but praise God for the fact that in all of our misfortune not one person among the families of our 133 ministers was injured in a physical way. We sympathize greatly with our Episcopal brethren who lost eight of their strongest missionary workers. They were holding a conference in a cottage along the coast.

The work of reconstruction began the day after the storm. State Convention Secretary William Reid within ten days personally visited over 80 churches, giving them encouragement and assurance of all possible assistance. The State Con-



The entire front corner of the First Baptist Church of Holliston, Mass., was blown off

vention has authorized the making of small loans to churches in distress. The banks have liberalized their policies in the emergency and will loan money to churches at low rates of interest. Service clubs are helping in every possible way. The Associations recommended gifts of money to various churches. All over the state we find a spirit of deepened faith and greater determination.

The great storm of 1938 tore our church buildings apart, but it brought our church members closer together.



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*Reviews of Current Books and
Announcements by Publishers*



It Began in Galilee, by REGINALD J. BAKER, is a study of revolutionary Christianity. It is a plea that the Way of Life, which began in Galilee, and revolutionized the lives of those who embraced it, become incarnate in our modern society. The gospel Jesus lived and taught is adequate for all our needs. Only a society

built upon its foundation can hope to endure. The individual and social gospel are the same. This unity is essential in the author's thinking. "I have long felt the urgency of closing the gap between the social and the evangelical," he writes. "And I do not believe that the kingdoms of this world will ever be won for Christ

until this synthesis is achieved." The message of the book is challenging and convincingly expressed. A man will be right with God when man is right with man, and not until this is a reality in the life of the individual will that ministry which began in Galilee have finished its task. (Cokesbury; 312 pages; \$2.50.)

Children of the Rising Sun, by WILLARD PRICE, is a sympathetic and interesting portrayal of the Japanese people, their habits, ideals, methods of work, and of how they have emerged in less than a century from feudalism into the position of economic, political, and military dominance in the Far East that they occupy today. This is one of the most fascinatingly written books on Japan ever published. The first half deals with the Japanese people and the last half with Japan as invader of Korea, Manchuria, and China. The two concluding chapters on Japan in the World, and especially the illuminating discussion of Japan's sense of divine mission based on the cult of emperor worship, should be read by all who wish an intelligent understanding of the mystical urge that lies back of Japan's economic and political expansion. The book is illustrated with photographs by the author who was editor of *World Outlook*, published by the Interchurch World Movement in 1919-1921. He knows whereof he writes from long residence in China, Japan, the Japanese islands in the South Seas, and from adventurous travels into many remote places in the interior of Manchuria. He concludes that whatever the immediate outcome of the war in China, Japan is destined to be the controlling power in the Far East. Nothing short of a ruinous world war involving Europe and America can change that status. (John Day, Reynal & Hitchcock, 316 pages, \$3.00.)

Alcohol, One Man's Meat, by E. A. STRECKER, M.D., and F. T. CHAMBERS, is an interestingly written treatise on the psychology of alcoholism and the treatment of alcoholism by a physician for whom the repeal of prohibition six years ago has apparently brought

an ever-growing practice. Starting with the indictment that "alcohol has the dangerous power of substituting phantasy for reality" and that "there cannot be anything normal about the drinking of a poisonous and narcotic drug," the authors mobilize psychological arguments against drinking that were completely unknown back in the years when only emotional appeals or at best physiological reasons were used to persuade the drinker to free himself of the habit. Of absorbing interest are the numerous case histories cited by the authors. The picture of "The Alcohol Saturated Personality" to which an entire chapter is devoted, should be seriously studied by every man or woman who faces the question whether to drink or not to drink. Rightly do the authors call alcohol the camouflaged narcotic. Rightly do they deplore the fact that this dangerous means of satisfying "the psychological urge to escape reality," may be inexpensively purchased in a glass or a bottle without a doctor's prescription. Any pastor who has an alcohol problem in respectable families or among certain young people in his church, or any man or woman

who is seriously concerned over the insidious and menacing grip of alcohol in his or her life should read this book. When the next crusade for prohibition gets under way, psychology will furnish some new and powerful ammunition of which the crusaders of a generation ago were not aware. (Macmillan; 230 pages; \$2.50.)

We Prophecy in Part, by DEAN WILLARD L. SPERRY, of Harvard University Divinity School, contains the latest contribution to the series of Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale University. Beginning with the Hebrew prophets of the eighth century B.C., the author relates the institution of prophecy to preaching. The prophet was a man of self-discipline with regard to emotions. The primitive Christian fellowship made its distinctive contribution by placing the prophet beside the apostle, the evangelist, the pastor and the teacher, thus scrutinizing his message with the balanced judgment of the leaders of the church. Since the preacher occupies the place of leadership within the church, his prophetic activity should be given to the building up of the church, not to tearing it down. His statements must be accurate as to fact, since he speaks to skilled workers and specialists who are accustomed to accuracy. Although the people of this age are interested in social change, the preacher should not become a mere news commentator. He ought rather to preach to the deeper level of life beneath the changing surface of civilization. The book reflects the fine temper and balanced judgment of a wise teacher and a good preacher. Its seven chapters are a discriminating "re-examination of the liberty of prophesying." (Harper's; 201 pages; \$2.00.)

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What Has Christianity to Say?, by F. R. BARRY, is a pertinent book for our day and a great tonic for any confused or timid churchmen. Here is strongly expressed conviction that for "this age of iron," Christianity has a message about God—that He is Father, with an advancing purpose to redeem human life; hence about man—that though related to animal life he is called to be a child of God and capable of new moral heights through the Divine Spirit; and hence about the world—that society and politics must be so ordered as to give free scope to the development of spiritual personality. He writes brave words about despotisms and about social and industrial processes which cramp personal fulfillment. He insists that Christianity is a truth about all of life as well as religion; that the problems of our day are ultimately moral and religious; that there must be a return to

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theology; that Christianity is a religion of personality; that "the Christian way of life", authoritative in Christ, offers a transcendent standard for human activity, and that only Christian faith can undergird world reconstruction. The book will not satisfy short-cut revolutionists, for he sees that evil and selfishness would survive a readjustment of social economy. But the author has faith in the creative power of the gospel which is "radical rather than reformist." (Harpers, 190 pages, \$2.00.)

Growing into Life, by BASIL MILLER, is a helpful book on the problems of adolescence. Written for parents, teachers, ministers and social workers, this volume should be of special value to those who in the upbringing of youth wish not only to apply sound principles of psychology but also to lay foundations for the development of character and for a whole-

some religious life. The crises of adolescence, the mental reactions of adolescent youth, "complexes" and how to resolve them, "escape techniques," various manifestations of abnormal behavior, and other phases of the process of growing out of childhood into manhood and womanhood are discussed in comprehensive and non-technical fashion. The chapter on The Religion of Adolescence is particularly illuminating in that the author maintains that the age of religious awakening in youth now comes between the years 10 and 14 instead of 14 and 20 as in former



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By H. V. Morton

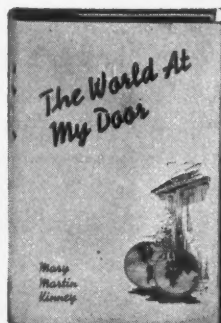
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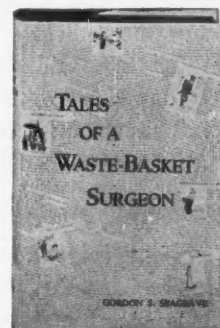
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SURGEON By Gordon S. Seagrave, M.D.

In this book Doctor Seagrave tells how he did more wonders — medical and all sorts — with little to do with. It is a romance of makeshifts. What is the work of a missionary, and in particular of a medical missionary, in a country like Burma? It is everything under the sun. The story of it is of absorbing interest. It is, too, an appealing defence of medical missions. If you think missionary books are just another thing, or dry, try this.

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as Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement and now as Associate Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, he writes an inspiring account of Christian missions past and present. (Judson Press, 139 pages; \$1.)

The Ministry of Friendly Guidance, by RICHARD HOILAND, Director of Young People's Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, presents a study course in the art of winning youth to Christ. The material is arranged in form suitable for study groups. Each of the ten chapters

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THE WIDOW IN OUR MIDST

By MARY BETH FULTON

AS THE eldest son in the family at Nazareth, it may be assumed that Jesus loyally helped to support His mother. His final request was that the care of His mother be entrusted to His best friend, the disciple whom He loved.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE

The protection of Mary! As the years advanced she was assured of the fellowship of loving friends, tender ministrations in illness, and the necessary food and raiment.

Following this example, friends of Jesus today are solicitous for the protection of the "called of God" who have grown old in His service.

For a quarter of a century the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention has held steadily to two purposes:

- (1) That the ministers and missionaries who have served so faithfully must not die in want; and
- (2) That the ministers and missionaries now serving must have their declining years protected.

USEFULNESS OFTEN OVERLOOKED

We give special thought at this time to the wives of ministers and missionaries who are now widowed. Theirs has been a service of self-effacement. A "cup of water" given with gentle grace has cheered many a lonely traveler. The sorrows of many bereavements have been alleviated by their Christian fortitude. As helpmeets, their faith and courage and love have been bulwarks in days of trial and distress.

These faithful servants are entrusted to us. As friends of Jesus we would minister to them in illness, provide for them in want, and fellowship with them in their loneliness.

GRATIFICATION

The following letter from a widow's daughter gives an appealing picture:

I am sure that your check is a real gift in every home, but to no minister's widow does it bring more pride than to my mother. She has almost completely lost her sight and is in very frail health, and it seems as if each check fills some real need for her. But it is always a matter of pride to her *that father's work should thus bear recognition*. I think you understand that it means much more than the physical necessities which it buys for dear mother.

BENEDICTION

In the home of John we may be sure that Mary brought rich blessing. The things which she had pon-

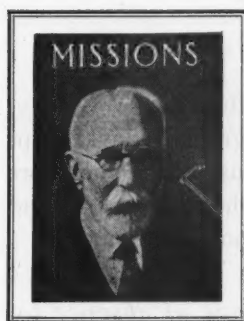
dered in her heart were doubtless discussed with these her friends. And surely the little home often resounded with the strains of The Magnificat as she lifted her heart and voice to God.



The widows of our ministers and missionaries have long walked with God. Their lives are a sweet benediction as they travel down the western slope. Your gifts mean much to them. One writes:

I am grateful for many blessings—home, friends, eyesight, and the unnumbered blessings which make life at 91 years even, desirable. Life is still sweet and I am interested in all that is going on, the world over. I know how to abound and how to suffer want. My prayer is that I may be given strength to go on patiently, trustfully, and even joyfully *unto the end*.

In their love, their prayers, their blessing, they return to us a hundred fold every gift made to them.



The Editor Emeritus says:

Looking toward
Los Angeles

TIME passes quickly. Already six months have gone since Northern Baptists held their annual convention in Milwaukee. Once

more we are looking forward to another Convention, in Los Angeles, about whose program the Editor offered constructive suggestions in the November issue.

The last time Northern Baptists convened in Los Angeles was 23 years ago, in 1915. At that Convention the Five Year Program was launched. It was the forerunner of The New World Movement and the genesis of our unified cooperative program. Who knows but that some new, inspiring, challenging program for Northern Baptists will emerge at Los Angeles next year. The times surely are ripe for another mighty effort to expand and adequately support our missionary enterprises across the earth.

It was my privilege to attend the Los Angeles Convention 23 years ago. I recall so vividly the incident that occurred on the way thither. It takes me back across the years to Salt Lake City and I am reminded of it by a letter that came some months ago telling me of the death of Mrs. Harriet Newell Jones, a firm friend of *MISSIONS* from its first issue.

She valued the magazine as an educational and cultural agency, and her ideal was that it should be the missionary knowledge-transmitter and inspirational interpreter in every Baptist home—an ideal and goal we most heartily share.

The incident was characteristic of Mrs. Jones. It so happened that on the way to California the Baptist women of the home and foreign mission societies had arranged to hold a mass meeting in Salt Lake City. This would also serve to dedicate informally the new First Baptist Church edifice, which meant much to the Baptists of Utah and the Far West. It was a warm day for Utah, and a large company filled the sanctuary. When the "Cross Country Team" of women leaders had been seated on the platform, Mrs. Jones, who had been looking out over the audience, saw me sitting in a pew. Promptly she exclaimed, "Oh, there is Dr. Grose! Come right up here on the platform." Then amid a burst of applause she led in singing some verses she

had written. As she intoned the lines, they were sung with a verve inspired by her enthusiasm. I quote:

Hail to our *MISSIONS*,
Magazine for one and all.
Urge its use where'er you go,
Then each one who reads it,
All our needs will know.

She closed with the exhortation to "bring it into every home."

Thus my plan to have a quiet hour with Mrs. Grose, and to sit in a pew unobserved, listening but not participating, was wrecked. But I was glad as always to speak for the great cause of world missions, and to accept the welcome in the name of the magazine.

This was the first of many personal incidents that dotted the coast-to-coast journey, culminating in the Los Angeles Convention with its royal welcome, a foretaste of what is again in store for the thousands of Baptists who are expected next June.

And I understand, too, that in gracious recognition of the courtesy of Salt Lake City Baptists in relinquishing claim on the Convention so that it can meet in Los Angeles, it is planned to have a great pre-Convention meeting in Salt Lake City over the week-end preceding the Los Angeles sessions. It is hoped that all Eastern and mid-Western delegates en route to the Pacific Coast will arrange their itineraries so as to permit a Salt Lake City stopover.

Los Angeles has changed in many respects—in size and beauty and in Hollywood publicity, but not in hospitality. For a city that has grown with astonishing rapidity; that has suffered all sorts of harrowing experiences of tempest and flood and fire; that has courageously withstood financial and business depression; that has through it all kept the church fires burning and the faith in God and the future bright, Los Angeles stands out among the foremost of the great cities that make America noted. It is a city of incessant movement and insatiable activity, surrounding the visitor with a homelike charm that once really felt is not readily to be forgotten.

To Our Readers and Friends

The Editor Emeritus and Mrs. Grose wish you a Happy Christmas and a God bless you all!



FACTS AND FOLKS

Completing a world journey of 32,950 miles, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, pastor of Grace Baptist Temple in Philadelphia and President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, arrived in New York October 1. From August 2 to 8 he presided at the world Christian Endeavor Convention in Melbourne, Australia, with its attendance of 20,000 delegates from 26 countries. The return trip was made via Victoria Falls and Capetown, South Africa, and London. Of the 32,950 miles traveled, 8,150 were covered by train, 7,500 by air and 17,300 by steamship, a phenomenal travel record. "The geography of distance," said he in his first sermon in Grace Temple on his return, "has been destroyed. The seas no longer divide—they unite. The ends of the earth listen to our confidential whispers and the farthestmost peoples have become dooryard neighbors."

Bacone Junior College for Indian youth, maintained by the Home Mission Societies near Muskogee, Oklahoma, began its 58th year last September with a record enrolment. This year 258 students are enrolled, or 12 more than for the previous record year 1937-1938.

Judson College in Rangoon, Burma, began the year with an enrolment of 340, or approximately what it has been for the past three years. "The majority of students," writes Prof. J. Russel Andrus, "are Christians. We are also encouraged that we have several brilliant students who won government scholarships by securing very high grades in the final high school courses."

News brevities reported from all over the world

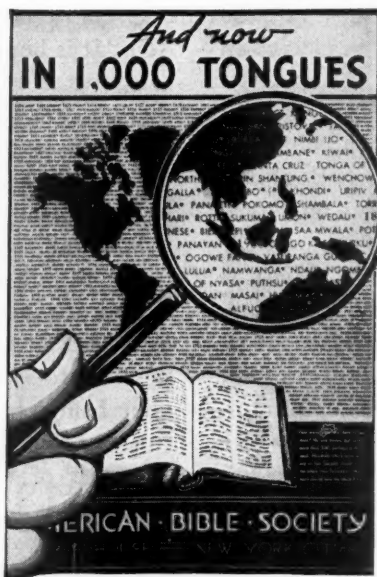
On October first Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Blinzinger completed 20 years of chapel car ministry. For nearly five years they served in the Chapel Car EMANUEL and for the past 15 years in the Chapel Car GRACE. The entire period has been devoted to California, Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming. The construction record under their ministry includes 15 church buildings and five parsonages, with a total value of approximately \$250,000. During the past year they have served at Torrington, Wyoming, where a new building was completed and dedicated in June. (See MISSIONS, October 1938, page 476.) During the summer months the Chapel Car GRACE was thoroughly overhauled and repainted and is now sta-

tioned at Buffalo, Wyoming, where a fine group of loyal Baptists is anxious to become more firmly established as a church and in their own house of worship.

After a leave of absence for nearly two years because of ill health, President Samuel Howard Archer of Morehouse (Negro) College, Atlanta, Ga., resigned his office and on October 1 became President Emeritus. For more than 30 years he had been a close friend and colleague of the late Dr. John Hope whom he succeeded as President in 1931. For 33 years he had been connected with Morehouse College, serving as professor, dean, and eventually president. Colgate University, from which he had been graduated in 1902, honored him with a D.D. degree in 1932.

It is estimated that one hundred million Chinese have migrated westward as a result of the war in China. Among them are thousands of sincere Christians and many strong Christian leaders. More than 100 Christian students from areas in Eastern China are now studying in West China Union University. Several noted Christian leaders are among the new instructors who have come from areas occupied by Japan.

Only a 12' by 10' store room and a bungalow veranda constitute the area available for dispensary work, at the Hatigarh (Orissa, India) clinic. Naturally Rev. W. C. Osgood feels that another building is needed. An office, a store, a compounding room, and a room for examinations and minor operations would help considerably in caring for the 3,000 patients treated here each year.



Sunday, December 11th, is Universal Bible Sunday. This poster, which will be furnished free to any church observing Bible Sunday, features the 1,008 languages in which the Scriptures have been translated. See editorial note on page 607

. THE CONFERENCE TABLE .

In the December program in "Bridges," Brayton C. Case, one of our Baptist Agricultural Missionaries, is quoted. He says, "The Lord needs the heart of a man who knows and loves and cares to make his life a bridge between the resources and the need."

We want to change one word—"man," and make it "woman." Surely we may study and know the need and fit our vast resources to the need, ever alert to linking up the minds and the hearts of all the women to the great world thrust of Christianity. We have the message; we have the materials. We know that the Christian message is the only hope and sustaining factor in our tempestuous world. Let us enthusiastically and joyfully give of ourselves to new life and interest in our groups.

Have goals for attendance. Know your women—arrange meetings at hours convenient to their time, such as (a) home-makers with small children, (b) business and professional women, (c) high school girls, (d) women

whose time is not bound by any special ties. The women of the United Brethren in Christ have a splendid plan of grouping the membership in "twos." Each woman is responsible for her mate.

LITERATURE: Our free leaflets and our priced materials are surely attractive. Why not carefully choose a number of the free leaflets and distribute one at each meeting. The information should awaken new interest. Try it.

FELLOWSHIP: We need more and more the personal interest. Every one attending our meetings should feel the warmth of our welcome and our continuing interest. May we never be guilty of having any one feel that there is no room in our society for them!

REMEMBER: *To pray* for the Great Conference at Madras which will be giving itself thoughtfully and in humility to the discussion of The Christian Church (December 12-30).

To listen to the Christmas Broadcast from Madras on Christmas Eve. Watch your newspapers for announcement.

To open the Gift Boxes—a Christmas gift of love to reach out with the Christmas message.

The National Committee on Woman's Work wish for all our women the abiding consciousness of the Joy and Peace of the Christmas message, "A Merry Christmas" to all.

Two Questions

Two questions are asked:

(1) Do Judson Fellowship gifts count as women's gifts in the Gift Boxes? Since the Judson Fellowship is a project promoted by the whole denomination, we feel that these fellowship gifts should not

be counted in the reports of the Gift Box Offerings.

(2) What is new for the Christian Citizenship leaders? Miss Sallie E. Coy responds: In a short time packets of literature will be available at 25¢ at the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, or its branches. These packets will contain several helpful leaflets for civics programs.

Mrs. M. D. Eubank

Mrs. M. D. Eubank, retired missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, died September 24, 1938 at Kansas City, Mo. As Mollie Sharp she was born near Palmyra, Mo.,



Mollie Sharp Eubank

June 7, 1866, educated at the Ladies' College, Liberty, Mo., and at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. In June, 1894 she married M. D. Eubank, M.D. Following their appointment to mission service in July, 1899, they sailed in November for Huchow, East China. When they came to America in 1906 on their first furlough, Dr. Eubank was retained here for four and a half years, in missionary speaking and promotion among the churches. Returning in 1910 to China, they continued their medical, educational and evangelistic work until 1915 when they again returned to America. Since then Dr. Eubank has served as Director of Promotion.

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World Needs Are Paramount

By W. H. BOWLER

THE present world situation, with all its dangers and confusions, creates a problem so tremendous that it ought to overshadow all of the trifling things that Christians are sometimes inclined to spend their energies on. To me it is one of the tragedies of our time that a group of Christian people can waste time and vitality in debating minor questions, when everywhere men's hearts are failing. They are failing because the springs of spiritual life have dried up in them and only a spiritual revival will save them.

Happily there are indications of such a revival as I have had occasion to note in my travels across the country. A renewed concern for the spiritual situation is manifested in Baptist gatherings in all parts of the country. In all of the conventions and associations there is apparent and unusual interest, a heart hunger and an earnest hope that men and nations may turn to God. I sense that wherever I go.

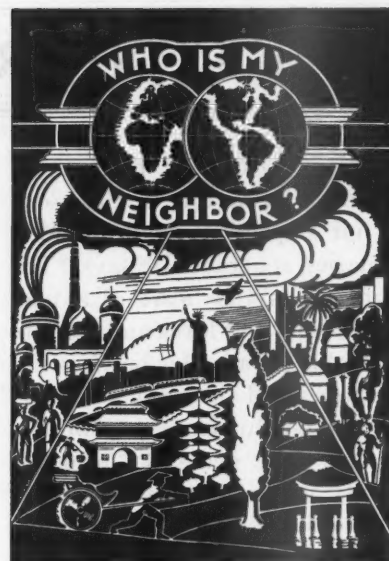
The disasters in which large areas of the world have become involved are so serious that they afford sufficient ground for summoning our entire denomination to a concert of prayer. I think our people would heartily welcome such a suggestion. In one recent meeting, midway in the morning session someone interrupted with a motion that we suspend all proceedings and engage in prayer.

Religious leaders must be aware as never before that all religions have common foes who are also enemies of the public welfare and an orderly life. The only way we can hope to meet and resist the attacks that menace us is by a united approach of the Christian forces of the world. The enemies of religion are not divided and they make no

distinction between one Christian and another. Who could have foretold a day which would see an announcement like that published in the morning papers of October 24, wherein Christians are accused as "foul enemies of the people" because last Christmas, children in many districts went about the houses of collective farms singing Christmas carols, or that schools would be ordered to teach that all religions are in essence ideologies of slavery. The propaganda in behalf of these virulent measures against religion is world-wide and if we try to overcome such opponents with divided forces we will surely meet defeat. Baptists must face this question, not as one of organic union, but whether we will become part of a common force against a common enemy.

As I have noted, the spiritual attitude of our people is hopeful and to this the evangelistic emphasis in our denominational program for the year has contributed. The denomination is also commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Adoniram Judson. In the present state of the world it seems particularly appropriate to call attention to the services of Judson and to the remarkable advances under Christian influences of the people to whom he ministered. In honoring his memory we call attention not only to Judson and to our own denomination but to all Christian missions as forces making for world peace.

In regard to the financial situation receipts on our unified budget are running just about level with those of last year, which was in advance of the year before so that up to this time we are maintaining an advance which has extended over a period of three years.



The new January Book

January Book Supply Limited

Our January Book is necessarily limited to an edition based upon advance orders. Such margin as experience has shown to be prudent is allowed in order to take care of churches which delay their orders, but the only way to be sure of obtaining enough books for the members of your church is to order at the earliest possible moment. The 1939 edition goes out under the title *Who Is My Neighbor?* and while it retains the essential features which the book has for years possessed, new elements have been introduced which will give it a decided freshness of appeal.

New State Secretaries

Southern California Baptists have acted to fill the vacancy in the office of executive secretary of their convention caused by the death of Rev. Otto S. Russell and their choice has fallen upon Rev. Ralph A. Jensen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Long Beach, Cal. The new secretary has been a Baptist minister since 1914, when he was ordained at Osceola, Nebraska, where he had his first pastorate. His formal education was obtained at Central College,

Pella, Iowa, and the University of Chicago. He studied for two years at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Besides Osceola he held pastorates in Mankato, Ill., and in Chicago before going to Long Beach, where he has been since 1928.

Arizona has a new state secretary in the person of Rev. John Milton Newsom, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Danville, Ill. Mr. Newsom is a native son of Illinois. He held pastorates in Missouri before going to the Southern Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1927. He was at Rockeville, Ind., for four years and in Huntington in the same state for three years before going to the First Church of Danville in 1931. Mr. Newsom succeeds Rev. F. W. Wightman, who died during the past year.

A Gift for All-Year Use

Publication of a *Book of Remembrance* is so timed that this little book which so many Baptists value is available as a Christmas gift. Nothing could be more appropriate for one who is interested in all that our denomination is do-

ing. The *Book of Remembrance* for 1939 has been given an exceptionally bright and attractive dress. Within its new text touching all of our different fields, it contains something of fresh interest for every day in the year.

More States Plan Forums

States which will hold their Better Church Forums after the holidays have their preparations well advanced, and the succession of these local church conferences will be continuous through the months of January, February and March. States which inaugurated the forums in the autumn like New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Nebraska, report well sustained interest and commend the idea of making the forum a dinner meeting. Questions for discussion in each forum are selected from the list presented by the Committee on Local Church Emphasis. Those suggested to the forums in New York State were as follows:

1. What constitutes a properly organized church?
2. What steps should be taken to enlist a larger percentage of the members in the life of the church?
3. How can we make ours more of a soul-winning church?
4. How do we need to provide more for the training and nurture of new members, of potential leaders and officers, and of present officials?
5. How can we make ours a more friendly church, both among ourselves and toward others in the community?
6. How can we present more appealingly the challenge of our world parish and provide for its support?
7. What plan is best for our church for continuous cultivation of every member so that financial participation becomes a normal part of each member's covenant obligation?
8. How can we make the teaching program of the church more effective in the life of each member?
9. What shall we do about the unchurched?

Other questions may be included at the discretion of the church group.

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A Book on Burma

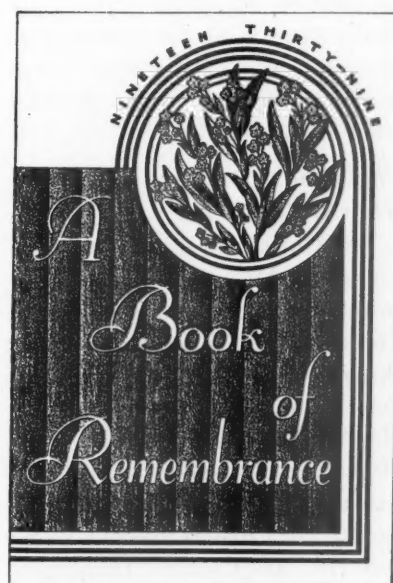
Dr. A. C. Hanna, missionary on furlough from Burma and a grandson of Adoniram Judson, has donated 400 books entitled *Beautiful Burma*, to be used in connection with the Judson Fellowship.

The book was written by Major C. M. Enriquez, a retired officer of the British army and was printed by the Baptist Mission Press in Rangoon. It does not tell the story of missions in Burma, but gives a general account of the country, its scenic and historic attractions, and so will form a good background for pastors and others who speak about the Baptist Burma Mission. The book has been very popular in Burma. It was first printed in a Christian Burmese magazine which was edited for several years by Dr. Hanna. "Major Enriquez," Dr. Hanna says, "knows Burma not in a superficial way but as a friend of long standing. I can vouch for the accuracy of Major Enriquez' statements. He has an interesting style and the pictures alone make the book worth while."

The Judson Fellowship Committee feels that the best way to get these books into the hands of the friends of Baptist Missions will be to offer them free of charge to those who are interested enough to write for them and to pay 15¢ per volume for transportation charges. The committee invites those who can make real use of the books to write to the Secretary of the Judson Fellowship Committee, 152 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Judson Fellowship Notes

From authentic prints dating from the early part of the 19th
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The new Book of Remembrance

WOMEN • OVER • THE • SEAS

In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Christmas Always Comes

Even in the Siege of Nanking!

Reflecting upon the days between the first Christmas and ours, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton writes, "Much has happened betimes. War has followed war, woe has been added to woe, and ages of cruelty separate us from the manger-cradle under singing skies."

Yet Christmas always comes. It came even in the siege of Nanking. It came to our refugee camp.

A small upper room which had but one window was found in one of the buildings. By covering the one window with a heavy green curtain and the transom as well, the light could be turned on without fear. Many have said they will never forget that little improvised Christmas chapel . . . an altar with a cross, a little Christmas tree with colored lights, a great bouquet of heavenly bamboo with

bright red berries, several large pots of poinsettias, and a few bright red Christmas trimmings.

Five simple Christmas services were held in that little upper room. While the singing of the beloved carols had to be in hushed tones, and while our hearts were sad because of the ruthless killing and terrible suffering and destruction which were still going on in the city, yet as we worshipped and thanked God for His great gift to mankind, the realization came afresh to some of us that only as men know and follow the Christ-child would peace truly come to this worn and war-sick world. He alone can turn hate and suspicion and insincerity into love and confidence and truth.—*Minnie Vautrin*, Ginling College Refugee Camp.

Big Plain Finds Christmas

In the little village of Big Plain, in South China, a faithful group of women rented a small shop with their own money, papered it with old newspapers, contributed odds and ends of furniture, installed a homeless old woman as caretaker, and made it their "Worship Hall." They gather there regularly under the leadership of a dear old Bible woman who is now almost blind and walks very slowly, leaning on her cane. Miss Ruth Chang and Miss Louise Campbell celebrated Christmas with them. "We took some decorations and the women brought rice, chickens, eggs, and vegetables. We had quite a feast together and a happy service of praise and thanksgiving to God for the light and joy which the gift of His Son had brought into our lives.

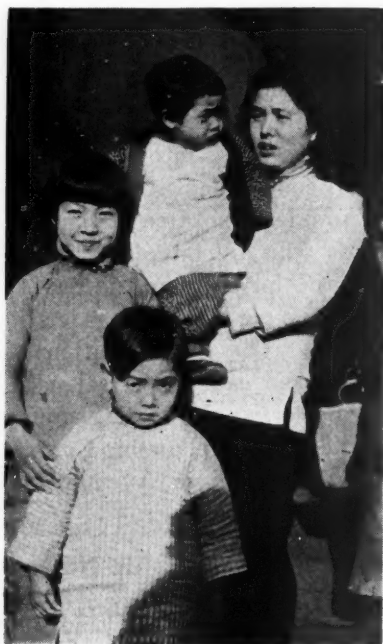
The Bible woman has a grandson who went to the Malay States and who has recently been sending money to her with which to redeem the fields and repair the house. But she sent him this message: 'If you want to make your old grandmother happy, REMEMBER GOD, read His Word daily and speak to Him often. Then I need never worry about you. Please send me \$50.00 to buy a piece of land which I have chosen near the market-place on which I want to see a church built and dedicated before I die.'

A Christmas Fast in China

Instead of spending money for Christmas decorations and a Christmas feast the church members at Kiating, Szechuan, West China, decided to send the fund saved for this purpose to Shanghai to be used for war relief. They made a real sacrifice, for the Christmas season with its festive spirit and banquet is one of the events which brings these people the greatest and often the only joy of the year. Now they are happy in the thought that they have helped a bit in this time of bitter crisis for China.

Christmas Comes to a Traveler from India

The Christmas season in America gave Miss Alice R. Veeraswamy her first glimpse of snow. Thousands of miles from home, she has discovered Christmas in a new garb of beauty. She is the Headmistress of the A.B.M. Girls' High School, Nellore, South India, and is now preparing herself for further Christian service in her country at Crozer Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania.



A refugee family in Nanking

FIRST GLIMPSE OF SNOW

This is Thy touch, oh Lord of art,
 That clothes the rudest rocky side,
 And dark and gloomy valley's heart,
 In whitest white garb of a bride.
 That spreads a shining spotless sheet
 Over the sullen sod so bare.
 The trees, once so black, now do greet
 Me like the chandeliers so rare.
 'Tis but Thy wondrous touch divine,
 Thou great artist of the ages,
 That can such serene scenes design;
 To me so full of mystic messages.
 Thou canst to loveliness my soul
 Transform, till it Thyself reveal,
 If, like nature, to Thy control
 I yield. And lo, on me Thy Seal!

—ALICE R. VEERASWAMY

*Around the Christmas tree in Pyinmana, Burma****Carols and Poinsettias
in Belgian Congo***

To awaken Christmas morn and look out on flaming poinsettia blossoms, tropical shrubs and flowers, banana and orange trees, laden with fruit; to hear the songs of hundreds of birds and listen to the voices of school children singing Christmas carols as they walk along the paths in the early hours before daylight; thus the sacred day comes to the folks in the Belgian Congo. Miss Grace M. Cooper writes from Kikongo: "We had a fine crowd out for Christmas service in spite of the fact that it had rained hard earlier in the day and still threatened. . . . Practically every able-bodied person in the station made an effort to come to worship Him whose birthday we were celebrating."

Burman Gifts

At the Ellen Mitchel Memorial Hospital, Moulmein, the one hospital for women and children in Burma, the student nurses appoint their own committees for all activities. They give a pageant and have a tree. They also prepare a Christmas tree in the center of the main building on the ground floor for all the patients who can

be moved to it, and there they hold a Christmas service with songs and presents for all.

"We are not only givers of gifts, but recipients," writes Miss Selma Maxville, missionary nurse at the Hospital. "Morton Lane Girls' School, as usual, had their Gift Sunday in their Sunday School. From them we received potatoes, onions, chillies, tamarind, soap, and some dishes. . . . Every year some of the nurses who are out working send gifts of money to the Hospital. . . . Not only at Christmas time do they express their appreciation of the Hospital, but all through the year."

Eastern New York House Party

Late in September beautiful Lake Mahopac, New York, was the scene of the Woman's House Party for Eastern New York. An unusually strong group of leaders presented the various lines of work to the 146 women registered and conducted conferences. Mrs. J. K. Romeyn brought a real uplift in her opening devotional service. Music was a feature this year, in charge of Mrs. Hugh Winton. A "theme song" was written by Mrs. G. Howard Estey and sung to the tune "Finlandia." The Home Study book was taught effectively by

Miss Dorothy Stevens. Miss Frances Tencate drew on her many years of service in India to make the book, *Moving Millions*, live for her hearers. Mrs. O. R. Judd led the closing service. Mrs. Bruce Manson and Mrs. Paul Van Valkenburg presided over the White Cross exhibit which was thronged by interested women. Christian Friendliness was presented by Miss Ruth Maguire, new worker for New York City. In a clear and inspiring way Mrs. M. De Forest Lowen brought out the responsibility for Christian citizenship and told how Baptist women might meet it. Mrs. Louis W. Fish presided over the literature table and introduced the new books. Mrs. Evelyn Wade Cummings told how to present missionary dramatics by directing in a very effective way the sketch, "The Call from Afar." Miss Grace Hatch gave a moving account of her work in the Christian Centre in Camden, New Jersey, and Miss Tencate spoke on her beloved India. Miss Gertrude Sherwood, assisted by Mrs. B. H. Selp, was registrar. Other devotional leaders were Mrs. W. H. Bowler and Mrs. P. A. Beck. All present were unanimous in their appreciation of the fellowship and inspiration. — *Edith G. Estey*

TIDINGS



FROM THE FIELDS

A New Christian Center in Denver

On the afternoon of September 25, more than 500 people gathered at 29th and Curtis Streets, Denver, Col., for the dedication of the new Christian center building. A circus tent, pitched near the building, accommodated the crowd during the dedicatory services. Later, all had an opportunity to view the brick building, which promises to be a center of far-reaching Christian influence in the large Spanish-American settlement in Denver.

Rev. Frank Martinez is the pastor of the El Salvador Baptist Church, and Miss Edna Clingan has been called from the Japanese work in Sacramento, California, to be director of the Spanish-American Christian center. She writes: "We have the finest Board ever to work for, and a very beautiful building, which I fear will soon be outgrown. One of my first calls was on a dear old lady who is dying of cancer. She lives alone, a WPA worker coming in each day for a couple of hours to clean her rooms. Everything was immaculate. She started to talk in English, and I expressed my surprise to Mrs. Martinez who was with Mrs. Phelps and me. Mrs. Gonzalez said, 'Oh yes, I was born right out-

side of Denver, and my mother was born here, too.' Her son's family, who come to our church, are fourth generation Americans."

A New Alumnae Secretary

The Alumnae Association of the Baptist Missionary Training School, with a view to cementing a closer relationship between graduates and non-graduate students and the School, has elected Miss Margaret Van Fleet of the class of 1904, Executive Secretary of the Association. The file of alumnae is to be completed and an effort will be made to realize more fully the two objectives of the Alumnae Association—the Scholarship Fund and the Rest Fund for needy alumnae. Another objective is to encourage former students to organize chapters in a larger number of districts, so they can really func-

tion in promoting the school and the best interests of the alumnae.

Miss Van Fleet spent a number of years in denominational service after her graduation from the Training School. During the last few years she has been director of the Social Service Department of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital in New York City. Her work for the alumnae, which began November 1, is a co-operative effort of the Alumnae Association and the Board of Directors of the School. The work will be carried on in the Training School Building, 2969 Vernon nue, Chicago.

A Helpful Ministry in Los Angeles

"I want the doctor," said a young man who came to the Christian Center clinic, "My mother is very sick." One of our physicians called on this woman whose poor, emaciated body is wasting away. She was greatly relieved and appreciated his Christian spirit.

To the Baptist Christian Center in Los Angeles, from a background of poverty and ignorance, comes "That Mexican!", characterized in Robert McLean's book by that title. Because he is poor he is in need of clothes, food, and medical care. Because his heritage is one of

BELOW: Main entrance to the new Christian Center in Denver, Col. LEFT: Rear of the building. RIGHT: The tent used to accommodate the crowds





Story hour in the Christian Center in Los Angeles, California

ignorance he is in need of guidance and instruction. Because in his native environment there has been so much of autocracy he is in great need of training for leadership.

Through the clinic and the Relief Department we supply many physical needs, not only for this community but for those in Baptist care throughout Los Angeles. In the clinic more patients are being received than can be adequately cared for. Hours of clinic service have been increased, another worker added as office assistant and visitor, and new equipment installed. That this work is bringing new pupils to the church school is an indication of worth. During the last two months we ministered to 200 more patients

than during any previous month. Many times, four rooms are in use for the clinic work.

Vision

Have you ever dreamed of yourself as
a bridge—

Impartial, dependable, wise?

Giving support to all who have need;

To everyone, view of the skies.

Spanning the space 'twixt heaven and
man

With purpose, patience, and praise,

Knowing God's plan has a place for
one's life;

A definite use for one's days.

Being of service by being a path

Used by God's holy will;

Serving humanity's pressing need

By steadfastly standing still.

—HELEN TATE D'ABOY

A young Mexican doctor who has located in this community has been a friend in need, helping us in the clinic, making home calls, and treating patients in his office. We do not always know how much our clinic care means to the patient, but a woman, who was very ill, responded to medical care, and is now assistant treasurer and an active member of the church. She is striving to help another family to become interested in our church activities.

Through the boys' and girls' clubs we meet the need of social and moral training. Through the young people's activities—B.Y.P.U., Guilds, Drama Club, choir, church school, and through

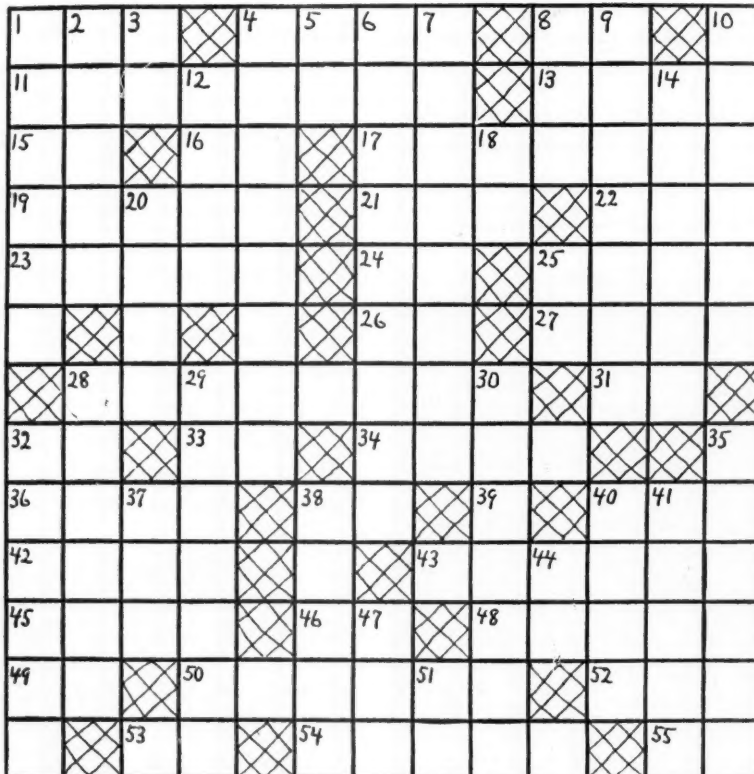
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MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE

No. 24—A Prophet Appears

ACROSS

1. "shall stand . . . an ensign."
4. "it shall not return . . . me void."
8. "which being interpreted is, God with . . ."
10. "The people that walked in darkness have seen . . . great light."
11. "and shall call his name . . ."
13. "are as filthy . . ."
15. ". . . , Judah's first-born."
16. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall . . . no end."
17. Revives.
19. First bird to leave the ark.
21. Title less respectful than Rabbi.
22. Esau showed this passion.
23. "a little . . . shall lead them."
24. "Where . . . he that . . . born."
25. "For unto you is . . . this day."
26. Measure.
27. Musical composition.
28. "Flower in the . . . wall." (Tennyson)
31. Recording Secretary.
32. Yes. (G.)
33. Worthless end of anything.
34. Make mistakes.
36. "the angel of the Lord appeared . . . him in a dream."
38. "horn of salvation for . . . in the house of his servant David."
40. "and bear a . . ."
42. Indian millet; raid (anag.).
43. Ridiculous.
45. He sealed the covenant with Nehemiah.
46. Installment paid; pi pied.
48. Member of African Negroid tribe.
49. River (Dial. Eng.).
50. Organ at the rear of the mouth.
52. "And . . . shall bring forth a son."



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NO. 18

Last Month's Puzzle



53. "the kingdom of heaven . . . at hand."
 54. "Unto you it is . . . to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."
 55. Alleged force.
- Our Text from *Isaiah* is 1, 4, 8, 10, 23, 24, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 53, and 54 combined.

DOWN

1. "a king of . . . countenance."
2. Mohammedan lord in India.
3. Royal Marines.
4. Everlasting.
5. Greek letter.
6. Frightens.
7. European shrub; also tree (anag.).
8. "And Hur begat . . ."
9. "a . . . , which is Christ the Lord."
10. "the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one . . ."
12. And . . . was a keeper of sheep."
14. Genus of marine fish.
18. Weight.
20. Contender.
25. Bachelor of Divinity.
28. Part of North America.
29. Smears with oil.
30. Drag in the mud.
32. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of . . ."
35. "until ye be . . . with power from on high."
37. Three, used as a prefix.

38. "As free, and not . . . your liberty for a cloke."
40. Exposes to solar rays.

41. Right, a combining form.
44. Continent.
47. Greek letter.

51. This chapter of both *Matthew* and *Luke* tells of Christ's temptation.

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THE CHILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE



Dorothy A. Stevens

Changes in Personnel

Miss May Huston who retired after 19 years as Associate Secretary of the Department of Missionary Education, made a significant contribution to the cause of missionary education. Through her personal service and correspondence she greatly stimulated interest in missions.

Miss Dorothy A. Stevens, who succeeded Miss May Huston, served as Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society for seven years, and has long been active in home mission work. She was born in New York City, and educated in St. Agatha School and New York University, where religious education was her major subject, graduating in 1930. A trip around the world, journeys to Alaska and other mission fields, have added to her preparation and interest in the cause of missions.

Out of the East

INDIA'S SEARCH FOR GOD

Dr. William A. Stanton, missionary in India for 40 years, is the author of a book of special significance in the study of India.

The Indian mind and heart are essentially religious. Nowhere on the globe has Christianity been more thoroughly tested or been more victorious. Jesus Christ, himself an oriental, looms ever larger in this oriental country of more than three hundred million souls. The author of *Out of the East*, unfolds the significance of this age-long conquest of Christ in India through biographical pictures of notable Indian men and women, and through movements such as the liberating of the untouchables and the breakdown of the caste system. The book is particularly adapted for group reading and study class use. The "outcasts," the "depressed classes," and the "untouchables," are here shown emerging from hopelessness to faith, from defeat to victory. The story of these movements is lifted out of the ordinary and placed on a level of commanding interest by the author's accurate and illuminating descriptions. The language of the text reveals the scholar's mind and the missionary's heart. The biographical record of some of India's great spirits gives special character to this book. Rarely have the stories of Pandita Ramabai and of Sadhu



May Huston

Sundar Singh been told with finer understanding and appreciation. The Board of Education commends this book most highly. (See announcement on page 612.)

WILLIAM A. HILL

Responsive Readings

This is the title of a responsive reading for use in worship services, devotional exercises, and missionary meetings. These readings on Burma are three in number: "Perilous Beginnings," "The Karen Ingathering," and "Creative Expansion." Rev. J. Lee Lewis, former missionary to Burma, and now pastor of First Baptist Church of Mason City, Iowa, is the author. The pastor or the leader reads the Scripture verse, and the congregation responds with sentences of historical significance. The Department has already issued "Responsive Missionary Readings" on the Lone Star Mission, by Dr. W. A.

Stanton. These two are the beginning of what we hope will be a series of responsive readings concerned with our missionary work.

The price of readings is five cents, or \$2 per 100, and may be ordered from The Board of Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Sunday-School Materials

These graded materials are in booklet form, and the titles are as

follows: Primary, *Brimful of Brown Folks*, Grace H. Patton; Junior, *Mustard and Marigold*, Grace H. Patton; Intermediate-Senior, *Facts Worth Knowing about India*, Compiled. The last named booklet will contain a collection of interesting facts and items gleaned from many sources. The price of these booklets is 15 cents each, or 35 cents for the set of three.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

New Royal Ambassador Chapters

CHAPTER	CHURCH	CITY
Marcus Whitman	First	Yakima, Wash.
Neilson	First	East Milton, Mass.
Roger Williams	Spruce St.	Buffalo, N. Y.
Livingstone	First	Winslow, Ariz.
David Livingstone	First	Mesa, Ariz.
William Carey	Mountaindale	Mountaindale, Pa.
Damien	Hillyard	Spokane, Wash.
John Derbaum	Emmanuel	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Buker Twins	East Dover	East Dover, Vt.
Adoniram Judson	First	Protection, Kan.
Judson	First	Le Mars, Iowa.
David Livingstone	Immanuel	Klamath Falls, Ore.
N. Urbana Livingstone	Old Wayne	North Urbana, N. Y.
Yates	Trinity	Chanute, Kan.
Marcus Whitman	First	Avenal, Cal.
John Eliot	First	E. Greenwich, R. I.
F. W. Wightman	Mexican	Tucson, Ariz.
Streeter	Fourth	Providence, R. I.
Roger Williams	First	Taft, Cal.
George W. Carver	Mt. Pleasant	Sardinia, Ind.

Another Roger Williams Chapter

An interesting letter from the Chief Counsellor, Robert Townsend, reports that the Roger Williams Chapter in Taft, Cal., since organization has grown rapidly and with good backing. It is expected that they will have 50 active members before the first of 1939. The Chapter holds four

meetings per month, one meeting being devoted to the study of a missionary field. This Chapter invites correspondence from other R. A. groups in California.

Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors

Special interest is being shown by our Baptist laymen in the development of Royal Ambassador

work. New York, Massachusetts, and New York City have all organized adult chapters. In a number of states, councils of Baptist men have voted to sponsor the R. A. work.

In Kansas the Council of Baptist men for four years has sponsored the R. A. work and contributed to the financial support of this organization, and the support of the Royal Ambassador Boys' Camp.

Rhode Island has a State Council composed of 14 men and the High Counsellor. These men are chosen from various churches throughout the State. The Council plans State rallies and assists with initiations and demonstrations of work.

In Nebraska the R. A. High Counsellor, Rev. Roy H. Larson, taught a class for adults on "Missionary Method and Materials for Boys and Young Men." As a result of this class, they decided to form an adult chapter.

In Pennsylvania the Pennsylvania Men's Council is interested in cooperation with the R. A. and plans are in formation.

In Washington, High Counsellor William T. Turner writes that the men are behind the boys' work, and have undertaken to sponsor boys' work.

Next Summer's R. A. Camp at Ocean Park

An attractive, illustrated folder has been issued, advertising the attractive features of the Ocean Park Royal Ambassadors Camp for next summer. This camp will be held in four different sessions. An early enrolment is advisable. Last summer 400 boys attended this camp. Write Leland W. Kingman, 62 Sanborn St., Reading, Mass., for copies of this pamphlet, or the Department of Missionary Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

WORLD WIDE GUILD

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Dear Guild Girls:

AS WE sing our carols this Christmastide there is something at once wistfully appealing and powerfully challenging in the refrain, the *Prince of Peace*. During the past months we have been passing through hours of anxiety and tension in our world. Upon the conferences of a few men hung the peace or suffering of countless millions; hung peace with honor or peace at a price; hung hope of good-will or fear of distrust. Back of these conferences were other conferences and treaties in which the same issues hung in the balance. And back of these a war so recent that thousands of men still live for whom life has little meaning; a war so terrific that at the feet of youth born after it, has been laid problems, upheavals, disillusionments almost overwhelming. Nations, ours among them, pour more and more millions into armaments, battleships, and military preparations. Waves of propaganda beat upon the minds of men and selfish programs challenge men's deepest loyalties.

We have a wistful longing for peace this Christmastide. When shall it come to be? When the governments shall be upon *His* shoulders, when the world thinks of Him as *Wonderful*, when nations turn to Him as *Counsellor*, when we lay our confusion and misguided power in the hand of a *Mighty God*, when men find each

other as brothers in the family of the *Everlasting Father*.

How far away it seems and how helpless we feel, we who have visioned the ideal and wish for it with all our hearts. We do well in an hour like this to make our way to a humble stable and look upon the emblem of peace, the face of a sleeping little child. Could anything be more peaceful and more helpless? The beams of the stable throw across the open door the shadow of a cross, reminding us of another moment of helplessness and seeming futility. But from that manger cradle and from that cross-crowned hill has flowed a stream across the world; a stream so powerful and so pervading that to it democracy owes its birth, in it all that is loveliest in music and art has had its inspiration, and from it the outreach in human welfare and service has taken its strong impetus.

We do well to search our hearts beside this humble crib. How deeply do we believe in peace? How staunchly will we hold to our

ideal? How constant is our faith in the Prince of Peace? Will it stand the strain of our present indignation, our human rebellion, the temptation to compromise with might, the subtle tendency to accept unworthy means to gain a desired end? Can we lift a song this Christmastide beside this sleeping child; a song that speaks our unwavering will to follow His way of peace? And when we do we are helpless no longer. We have linked our carol and our will with that of the eternal, "And suddenly—a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will to men.'"

But carols and searching of heart are not enough in a world like ours. There are gifts to be brought and there is the shadow of a cross to remember. Peace does not come by wishful thinking. It comes in the sacrificial outpouring of love and life and giving and service. It makes demands on time and energy and talent. It calls for a sending out across this troubled world the good news of One who came to be the Prince of Peace.

To that the World Wide Guild has ever been committed. But may we, with something of special



World Wide Guild at Scottsboro, Nebraska



Bay State Guilders with State Award

dedication, this Christmastide, bring our gift of purpose to share with all men everywhere, at whatever cost, the glad tidings of peace and good will. Of such it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

I do not wish you merely a Merry Christmas, but that the peace of God may touch your hearts and others through you.

Earnestly yours,

Elis P. Kappan

152 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

To all Dorothy Kinney Chapters

Dear Guild Girls:

The other day I wrote Miss Noble asking her for the addresses of all of the Dorothy Kinney Chapters, and she asked that I write a brief note to you all through *MISSIONS* and ask that each chapter send me a card giving the address of the chapter and age group in which each belongs. I have wanted to write a letter to all of you, but do not have a complete list of the chapters, and do want to write.

I know that most of you think I have neglected you all shamefully, but you will have to forgive me as the past two years have been unusually busy ones. And I will simply have to give as the biggest excuse during the past year, Carol Joy Chambers, our six-months-old baby daughter. Since my marriage two years ago, the time has been full with hospital work in Gauhati and then in Jorhat, housekeeping and the baby, and then packing for furlough and the trip home. I thought I would get so many letters written on the boat.

We arrived in good old U.S.A. a few weeks ago and are glad to

be back. Our plans are still a bit uncertain, and we do not know as yet just where we will be for the major part of our furlough period—it may be New York, California—or some place in between. I am hoping to meet with many of you, and shall get a letter off to you as soon as I have your addresses.

Very sincerely and with love,

Dorothy Kinney Chambers

(Mrs. R. Fred Chambers, 2859 Cherry St., Denver, Col.)

They Worked Hard

They live in Scottsboro, a small town in Nebraska, they qualified in the Reading Contest for the first time this year. The church bought the five required books for them, which is a good suggestion for others. They used "Windows" for their study theme and got all of their material from *MISSIONS*, which also showed good sense because that kept them up to the minute on World Wide news pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

A Rush Party

There are to be no slips in missionary education evidently in Lebanon, Ind., for when a group of junior girls were to come into the intermediate department of the church school this fall, the Pearl Barms Smith Chapter of the



Junior Pledges of Pearl Barms Smith Chapter

ANOTHER GUILD MISSIONS SHOWER!



WHAT about another Christmas MISSIONS Shower for Dr. Lippard? We started this Christmas Gift five years ago. Why not keep up such a good habit? One new subscription to MISSIONS Magazine from anybody, man, woman or child, secured by a Guild girl will gladden the editor's heart and prove the loyalty of Guilders to this outstanding missionary magazine. The value to the subscriber is great because it gives world news and national and foreign relations from a sane and Christian viewpoint. The special price is \$1.00.

In sending subscriptions *be sure to state that they are part of the Guild MISSIONS Shower.*

Don't stop at one subscription. Let's make it a deluge instead of a shower!

W.W.G. decided to pledge them for the Guild. They were pledged at a special meeting in July which they called their "Rush Party," and they were duly initiated at the fall meeting. If they live up to their smiles and their name this looks like a most happy and worth while addition to this Guild Chapter.

Honors

Here are girls all dressed up in their Guild best and no wonder. They are holding the W.W.G. emblem, which is the award they earned in the Bay State Area. But if you think that is something, look at the candelabrum which is the state award for Northern California. What's next girls? It must be those new bridges in San Francisco Bay!

The Cooperative Spirit

Did you and your World Wide Guild ever go 50 miles for one of your regular monthly program meetings? Our Guild girls with a goodly number of the young people from the church (for our Guild program meetings are held in conjunction with our three Young People's Societies once a month) left the Christian Center in Milwaukee in the middle of the afternoon and went to Calvary Church in Kenosha. There we were made to feel most welcome and for nearly two hours enjoyed a fellowship in their gym, followed

by a hearty and most attractively arranged buffet supper. The combined Guild, Young People's meeting, and evening service was in charge of our Guild and was held in the beautiful and worship-inspiring chapel. It was a meeting long to be remembered. In January, we are expecting the Calvary choir to sing at one of our Sunday evening services. In November

the Guild presented the play, "Susanna of the Parsonage." The proceeds from the play have made it possible for the girls to pay \$20 of the \$25 they have promised for missions. They are trying to qualify in the Guild reading program. Their dues are being used for White Cross work, which this year is for Kodiak Orphanage.—*Ruth Howard.*

Children's World Crusade

Dear Crusaders:

I want to tell you today the story of some moccasins that were hung up for Christmas. Most of you, I suspect, hang up your stockings at Christmas time and in them on Christmas morning you expect to find something you have been wishing for very much.

One day, several years ago now, I got off the train at Lodge Grass, Montana. Some of you know, I think, that the Crow Indians live up in Montana. The people of your church and others like yours, because they cared about these Indian friends, have made it possible for an attractive church to be built there, and for missionaries to go to tell the Crows about the coming of the Christ child.

At Lodge Grass I met so many of the Indian men and women and boys and girls who had come to be

"Jesus Indians" and walk in the "Jesus Way," as they say. One of the fine men, who had walked long in the "Jesus Way," was Shows-a-Fish. I remember going to Ladies' Aid with him and his wife. I sat down in the back of their sled and he and his wife sat up on the seat. We were all bundled up in Indian blankets for it was below zero and we drove for some miles to the home where the meeting was. The men go to Ladies' Aid as well as the women, and after the sewing meeting they have a worship service together. At dinner time some of the older Indians sat down on the floor to eat their meal and some of the younger ones sat at the table, but I noticed that all of them waited to thank the Heavenly Father first before they ate. Shows-a-Fish had a fine face and snow-white hair, and when he



Fairview Heights Children's World Crusade at Los Angeles Rally

prayed he lifted his face and spoke as if he were talking into the face of the Great Spirit whom he knew now as his Friend. He was a very poor Indian and sometimes he and his wife knew what it was to be cold and hungry but always he wanted to thank God for the good gifts that came to him.

One year when Christmas time came, they had a lovely program and Christmas-tree at the Mission at Lodge Grass. Some church, perhaps it was yours, sent a lovely box of Christmas gifts for the Crow Indians. The gifts were all divided up and names were put on them and they were tied to branches of the tree to be distributed at the close of the program. It was very pretty indeed. When it came time, one by one the gifts were taken down and one by one the delighted men and women and boys and girls came forward for their gifts as their names were called. To Indians who do not have so much in their lives to make them bright these meant a great deal. And when they knew that the gifts came from people who cared about them and sent them because they too were "Jesus People" they were very happy.

When the tree was almost bare of gifts there was one last one remaining. It was way up at the top of the tree and had to be taken down very carefully. It was a

beautiful pair of beaded moccasins. The Crow Indians are famous for their lovely bead-work on leather and I suppose these moccasins could have brought a fancy price in some souvenir market. There was a card on the moccasins and on it were these words, "For the Lord Jesus Christ from Shows-a-Fish." He might be a poor "Jesus Indian" but he was a loving one and the loveliest thing he had he wanted not for himself but for his Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a happy Christmas for Shows-a-Fish.

I hope this will be a happy Christmas for every Crusader and I know it will be if you share some of the things you have with someone else,

Always your friend,

Elin P. Kappan

152 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

How a Boy Learned to Share

Ten Christmas parties were given to various clubs in the center, by a group from an American church. They furnished entertainment, refreshments, and gifts. It is such a blessed happy time when American friends learn to know our people and to appreciate in a new light the need for spreading the gospel. People can see what a change has come into lives just

because someone told them of Jesus. One man said to me as his group was leaving, "I have surely had an eye-opener and I think it's just about time that our churches began to do more."

A little boy who had come with his mother to help entertain a group of children at a party, discovered that a certain little boy couldn't come because he had no coat. The American child said, "Now listen, Mother, I'm sure I have a coat and even a sweater that I don't need and why can't I send them to little P——? The coat arrived in a few days. His mother said, "Well, if we've done nothing for your children, the contact with the center has made my boy see much that I've tried so hard to make him understand; namely, to be less selfish and more willing to share."—*Bertie Mae Laughery*, Trenton Avenue Christian Center, Buffalo, N. Y.

Rally Time

So many groups of the C.W.C. have been having rallies. Here is the group of the Fairview Heights Church in California who won the banner for attendance at the Rally in Los Angeles. Their leader says they are so enthusiastic over their missionary work and that one of their specially fine meetings was a peace program.

Some Homes in the City

Many people in our great cities prefer to mount long flights of stairs in order to enjoy the light and air above the noise, dirt and darkness of the street. Not everyone, however, can live on top floors; some families have to live in dark, undesirable basement rooms.

While calling one day, I saw a little boy playing on the street, and not being able to find his house, I asked him to show me the way. Pointing to high steps

leading down from the street, he darted down, leaving me to follow more carefully past cans of rubbish and garbage, through a dark, narrow passageway. We finally reached a courtyard from which opened a door to the basement home where lived a father, mother, and five children—the oldest barely eight years old.

A little girl had been absent from Sunday school. So I called at the home. I found a family of six, living in three dark little rooms at the end of a long corridor on the ground floor. The father, who works nights, was asleep in the inner room, which was totally dark. A little boy was sick on a small bed, and the mother had recently been very ill. The whole family are undernourished.

Much has been done in recent years to improve the slums, but the work is not finished. God freely gives to all of his children the



Chinese Children in Fresno Playgarden

blessings of light, air, and sunshine.—*Hazel G. Ilsley*, Baptist Tabernacle, New York, N. Y.

Chinese Lilies

These children from the Chinese Playgarden in Fresno, California, have just been planting lily bulbs in these pots. The boys and girls look like flowers too with their shining faces. And all the while the missionary who loves them is planting the story of God's love in their hearts, the story that makes friends of all little children everywhere, yellow, black, brown and white.

Girls at Ongole

Miss Helen Bailey, our special missionary in Ongole, India, has sent us some pictures of our friends among her schoolgirls. Here is one of them getting water from the school well. I wonder if we could carry a jar of water without spilling it as I am sure she does. Indian girls walk with real dignity and grace because they learn as little girls to carry these jars so carefully.

She writes some very interesting things about the boys and girls she knows so well and she is introducing them to us that they may be our real friends too.



Drawing water from the school well

"Soon after getting back to India I went out to the Yenadi village, where quite a group of clean little boys and girls were sitting on the ground and were able to recite Bible stories and verses. Their mothers and fathers, too, were sitting on the outskirts and listening to all that was said. Great was the interest in preparing entertainments to be given at our Harvest Festival time. This is the time when all the village Christians come into Ongole with their offerings to God in thanks for the gifts of the harvest. On Saturday our schoolboys and girls all have some part or other so that their parents and friends may see what they can do. One class gave a simple drama of a Bible story; another gave a fan drill; while another sang some new songs. There was a special drive in Ongole to raise a fund for help in a nation-wide campaign against tuberculosis. Our children wanted to have their share in the gift. The boarding girls suggested that they go without their meat on one night. (They get it only once a week.) The Girl Guides made some little Indian cakes and the Blue Birds sold them. So we are learning to take our share in the relieving of distress."

THE STAR SHINES

A simple program, based on this issue of MISSIONS, for use in churches, furnished by the National Committee on Woman's Work

Prepared by **HARRIET W. PALMER**

HYMN: "Christians, Lo, the Star Appareth."

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PALESTINE TODAY. Have some one give a 5 or 10 minute summary of the present situation in Palestine, based on page 584 and on more recent developments.

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the vote was taken the boy still held out for his \$1.14 and a smaller girl for the \$1.20 suggested, but the rest were enthusiastic for the \$2.50.—*Estelle Marlin.*

A Christian Gift to Mother

Miss Helen Bailey tells this story of one of her schoolgirls in Ongole, South India: "On the day when we were giving Christmas leave one of the girls whom we have brought up in the school came to me and asked that she might go to her village. I said that I was giving leave to no girls who lived at such a distance, but with great earnestness she said, 'Oh, but I must go just this time to give my witness to my mother who does not know about Jesus' love for her.' With tears in my own eyes I watched Jennie trudge out of the compound, her box on her head, and take the long dusty road to her far-away village to give her witness for Christ."

CHILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE

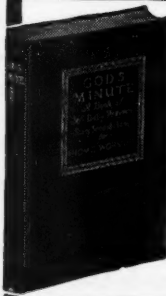
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A Gift for Kodiak

Because our Sunday school at the Italian Baptist Church in Newark, N. J., is helping to care for little Georgie Yoshida at Kodiak, Alaska, our children have been much concerned over the fire at the Orphanage. As we talked about it in B.Y.P.U. the children wanted to give something toward the rebuilding. Last week the primary children decided to give one dollar, which is almost half the amount in their treasury. Yesterday it was announced to the juniors that there was \$6.14 in their treasury. One boy suggested

that we give \$1.14 and have \$5.00 left. A girl objected, saying that \$1.20 was a better amount to give. But a Negro boy, who is a member of this group, said, "I think if we have \$6.14 in our treasury and those children haven't any home, we ought to send \$2.50." When

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"We find our way o'er spans of many bridges
And are thankful for the Great Creator's gifts."

In these lines will be found the keynote of the programs of the Woman's Society of First Church, Providence, R. I. "The Committee decided to use the title BRIDGES as suggested by the theme for the year," writes Mrs. Harold B. Tanner, "but you will notice that only two of our meetings are distinctly missionary in subject matter. All of the meetings, however, do fol-

low the general idea that by means of the gifts given to us by the Great Creator, we are able to go from limited experiences to broader fields of enjoyment." The "bridges," each illustrated by a different type of span, are VISION (*Prov. 29:18*), SERVICE (*Rom. 12*), BEAUTY—"Legends of Christmas in Art," (*Isa. 9:6, 7*), LEARNING—Guest Night with the superintendent of the city schools as speaker (*II Tim. 3: 14-17*), MUSIC—"History of Church Music," musically

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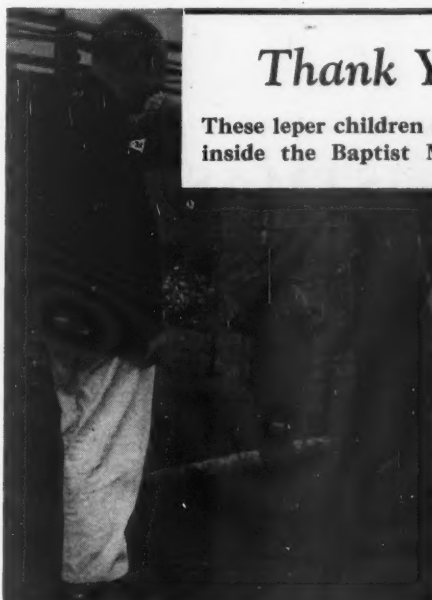
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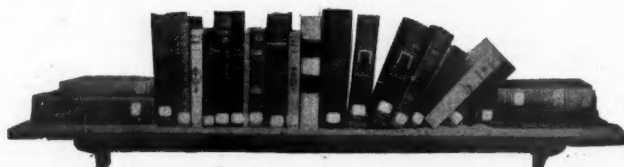
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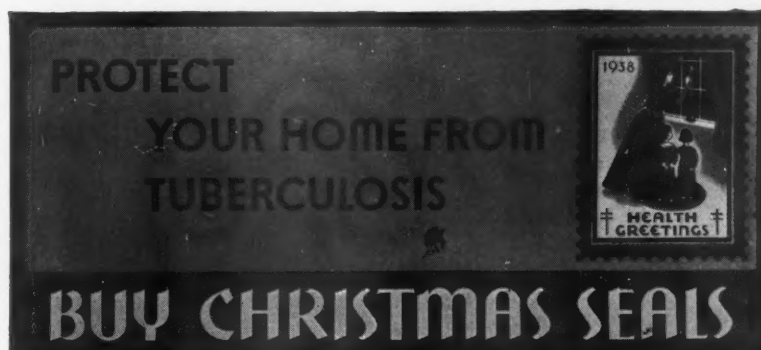
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